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CW bill heads to Trump

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The U.S. Senate over the weekend unanimously passed legislation that effectively extends the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program for another 10 years, allowing the legislation to head to U.S. President Donald J. Trump's desk for enactment.

According to the U.S. Senate's unofficial transcript, U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) moved on the U.S. Senate floor to consider U.S.

Rep. Rob Bishop's (R-UT) H.R. 5956, or the Northern Marianas U.S. Workforce Act of 2018 for passage,

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» **Bill moving expiration date of CW passes US Senate**
» **Trump assured signature within 10 days**

United increases Saipan-Guam flights

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As hoped for by many of Saipan's residents, United Airlines has officially announced that they are increasing their number of Saipan-Guam and Guam-Saipan flights.

As a result of the recent pull out of Cape Air Express, the United Airlines has been servicing Saipan-Guam and Guam-Saipan flights with seven daily flights a week. United Airlines currently offers one flight from Guam to Saipan

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United Airlines' inaugural Guam-Saipan flight is given a water salute by the Commonwealth Ports Authority Aircraft Rescue Fire and Firefighting special unit after it touched down at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport early last month.



18 to resettle on Northern Islands

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Several families are going back to the Northern Islands to resettle and enjoy a new dawn on their home islands once again. A total of 18 Northern Islands residents boarded the M/V *Super Emerald* yesterday at the Port of Saipan in Puerto Rico to resettle on Agrihan and Alamagan.

Northern Islands Mayor Vicente Cruz Santos said that people are starting to go back to the Northern Islands to stay for good.

"This trip is for resettlement. Any
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BEA CABRERA

Tomasia Santos bids her family on Saipan goodbye as she goes on board the M/V *Super Emerald* that will take her to Alamagan Island so she can fulfill a dream of living in her home island once again. The boat left the Port of Saipan at noon yesterday and is scheduled to arrive on Alamagan early today.

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For first-time travelers like me, it is easy to get lost visiting this densely populated urban jungle like Tokyo, Japan.

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They wore white. They shook their fists in the air. They carried signs reading: "No more children in cages," and "What's next? Concentration Camps?"

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After the death last July of his wife Joan, Stan Lee has found himself in the middle of a fight over his finances and legacy that has led to lawsuits, a restraining order and a police investigation of elder abuse.

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Local

Lawyer tells good news, bad news about passage of CW bill

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Janet H. King, a known immigration lawyer, said yesterday that there are good news and bad news about the U.S. Senate's passing of House Resolu-

tion 5956, the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018.

King said the good news is obvious: the number of CW1 permits in fiscal year 2019—the current fiscal year—would now be up to, but not

exceed 13,000.

King said the other details employers want to know about is when they can submit the I-129CW1 petitions for their foreign workers.

The lawyer said employers may submit the I-129CW1 pe-

titions no earlier than 120 days before the date on which the prospective employer needs the beneficiary's services; or if the petition is for the renewal of an existing permit, not earlier than 180 days before the expiration of such permit.

She said the Department of Homeland Security Secretary must publish in the Federal Register an interim final rule on how to implement a system for allocating and determining terms and conditions of the CW1 permits.

The bad news is, King pointed out, the DHS secretary has up to 180 days after the law is enacted to do this, and the secretary may delay the effective date of the law until the effective date of the interim final rule.

Cabrera: AmeriCorps program is rewarding

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It has been a year since Gedlin Cabrera joined the CNMI AmeriCorps, a program for that also helped her prepare for college and decide what career path she would take. She will be attending Hollins University this fall semester.

She said that being part of the AmeriCorps program takes a lot of dedication in volunteering to help other students, but it is rewarding. "You need to have the dedication and skills to work with students. It takes a lot of your skills."

"But it motivated me to do the work, because not every student is willing to work with you. So you need to have the patience and drive

to help motivate them," Cabrera told *Saipan Tribune* after Thursday's AmeriCorps grant announcement at Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) office in Susupe.

You need to be 17 years old and a U.S. citizen are some of the requirements in order to become an AmeriCorps volunteer.

Cabrera said she plans to continue being an AmeriCorps volunteer even after completing the hours she had served. "I've been an AmeriCorps volunteer for about a year, but I plan to continue on as an alum when I go to college."

"In order for you to graduate in the program, you need to complete a set of hours that you applied for. You can also continue as an alum which can last for a lifetime," added



JON PEREZ
Members of the CNMI AmeriCorps program and Public School System officials pose with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan in Thursday's grant announcement at the latter's office in Susupe.

Cabrera, who plans to double major in forensic psychology and education.

The 18-year-old Cabrera

graduated at Kagman High School last month and had completed her hours last month. "Since I'm done with the AmeriCorps here in the CNMI, I can still continue on wherever I go as long as they also have the program there."

NMI funding

Sablan said AmeriCorps volunteers in the CNMI are warriors for helping hundreds of students in 16 public schools—nine elementary schools and

seven middle schools—in reading and literacy.

"You help struggling students in their reading level through tutoring and mentorship, you volunteer at the public library, in schools, and in island-wide education activities. With this, you earn education awards that help your college dreams of up to \$6,000 to help pay college tuition or student loans," said Sablan.

He added that the CNMI will be receiving \$493,647 in

funding that would allow the local Public School System to engage 50 AmeriCorps members in providing tutoring services from Kinder to middle school.

"By the end of next year AmeriCorps will be responsible in increasing the reading levels of 480 students. The AmeriCorps grants in the CNMI is greater than last year, more than \$30,000. I always said that education is an important investment and economic catalyst."

Since 2006

PSS acting interim commissioner Lynette Villagomez said the program had been big help for the college education of CNMI students since it started in 2006. "There have been over 531 members, high school students that were qualified to participate."

"We have 378 members who earned education awards for college where they received up to \$6,000 for tuition or help pay their student loans. We had served over 18,101 students where we provided support for reading and literacy."

The program, which currently had 52 members that had a combined 23,673 hours served, had received over \$4.5 million in funds since its inception.

"The program helped them in their future. The support given by the members are not only reading and literacy but they also provide emotional support for being mentors to other students," added Villagomez.

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Land lease extension back to Senate committee

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A Senate bill fresh from the House of Representatives is headed back to the committee level of the Senate for further deliberation as new discoveries were made during House public hearings.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) moved his Senate Bill 20-35 back to the Senate committee level during their Thursday session for further review after the House sent it back to the Senate floor with amendments and to take into consideration comments obtained from a House public hearing on the bill.

Palacios noted that the bill would be sent back to the Senate committee of Resources, Economic Development, and Programs, or REDP, chaired by Sen. Francisco Borja (R-Tinian).

"Because of the testimony in the House public hearing on this particular legislation [and]

because of new amendments... [I] wish to refer this back to the REDP committee for further incorporation of those comments and to even entertain the idea of having additional engagement with the...public on this particular legislation."

Palacios did not mention the specific information that made him refer the bill back to the committee.

Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) suggested to Palacios that the Senate could either vote to reject the House amendments before conducting another public hearing during conference committee discussions or conduct a Senate public hearing before discussing the legislation with the House in conference committee.

Palacios said that was one of the reasons that pushed him to refer to the committee level S.B. 20-35.

The bill seeks to extend by an additional 15 years the maximum initial term of pub-

lic land leases. The initial version of the bill only allowed land leases that has an existing hotel or golf course on it to be included in the extension, however the House amended the bill to include schools and religious organizations into the mix.

The bill initially did not provide the Department of Public Lands the authority to negotiate lease renewals prior to the expiration of a lease agreement. The House amended the bill to authorize DPL to initiate negotiations as early as five years prior to the expiration of the lease agreement. The bill under the House also mandated DPL to come up with a decision prior to the expiration

of the lease agreement.

The House did not touch, however, a provision that authorized DPL to negotiate new terms and conditions on a lease agreement without first releasing a request for proposal, or an RFP.

Rep. Donald Barcinas (R-Saipan), the sole legislator that opposed the passage of S.B. 20-35 in the House, voted against the bill due to this provision.

He stated that the RFP process would be in the "best interest of those of Northern Marianas descent."

He further stated that regular contracts with the CNMI government go through an RFP process. Given the value of land in the NMI, where land mass is already minimal, Barcinas believes that the RFP process is crucial to reaping the most returns out of the lease agreement.



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2018 Liberation Day festival now open

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The most anticipated festival of the year is finally here and is now open to the public but for merely nine days.

The 2018 Liberation Day festival, which is dedicated to the opening of the gates of Camp Susupe, is finally here and was kicked off last Friday.

Although the festival has been cut extremely short, the Liberation Day committee has pulled out all the stops to ensure that this year's celebration will be extremely amazing and

memorable for the community.

During the kick off, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang gave the welcoming remarks. According to him, this year marks the 73rd anniversary of the Liberation Day celebration.

"Since 1945, we have consistently recognized how important the Fourth of July has been in our history. We have traditionally celebrated it with a large gathering like this evening's and highlighted it with a very loud and fun-filled parade at the tail end of the celebration," he said.

Apatang said that the Liber-

ation Day festival remains the most anticipated event every year by the people of the commonwealth.

"I and the planning committee have always endeavored to ensure that our celebration every year has an inherent meaning that relives nostalgia of the past 72 years. And to achieve that, we have established a planning committee whose purpose is to bring the past to present by mixing our progressive evolution, so to speak, that have occurred over the years with present day preference. It is a feat that past and

present planning committees take seriously by heart, and this year's planning committee is no exception," he said.

Apatang said that the vision of the committee that was chosen this year is what brought the festival to life.

"...it's their backgrounds, experience, and expertise. Above all, the members are vibrant vision planners, who I strongly believe care for our island," he said.

This year's committee chair is Joe Ayuyu, Jr. and his vice chair is Matt Deleon Guerrero. This year's concessions and logistics chair is Maria Valentina Haberman and her



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The opening night of the Liberation Day festival last Friday was packed with members of the CNMI community.

vice chair is Shayne Villanueva. This year's entertainment chair is Gordon Marciano and his vice chair is Parker Yobei. This year's parade chair is Brad Ruszala, the hospitality chair is Louis Rodgers, and the promotion strategist is

Catherine Perry.

The Liberation Day festival is open every night from 6pm to 10pm at the Garapan Fishing Base and will feature local performers and local food concession and beverage vendors.

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which was not objected.

The U.S. Senate then proceeded to unanimously pass the legislation through voice vote. H.R. 5956 had also received unanimous consent from the U.S. House of Representatives.

In a press conference last Friday, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said all that remains now is the signature of Trump to officially enact the legislation.

Sablan noted that in a meeting with the White House liaison two weeks prior, he remains "hopeful" that Trump would support the legislation.

"Despite the opposition of the President signing H.R. 339, he signed it into law... and I thanked him for signing [it]. So far, I am hopeful [that H.R. 5956 is signed by the President]," he said.

According to a statement from the Torres administration, the President previously assured Gov. Ralph DLG Torres that the bill would be signed "within 10 days."

"The work we have accomplished together so far is attributed to many members in our community working with me to make our case to Congress. This will always be about advocating for the people in our villages who are actively trying to find a job in our growing economy, our small local

businesses that have to make difficult choices, and families and friends who have been affected already," Torres said in a statement. "This bill will address our community's concerns by ensuring that there is effective wage protection for U.S. workers, an acknowledgement of our long-term guest workers, additional time to allow for the construction and progress of our islands to continue, and stronger safeguards against bad actors in our economy."

The legislation resets the number of CW visa slots for fiscal year 2019 to 13,000 instead of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services number of 4,999 slots for the fiscal year. USCIS reportedly set the CW slots at a low number in anticipation for the CW program's slated sunset of Dec. 31, 2019.

The CW cap would still be reduced by 500 in the next five fiscal years—from 2019 to 2023—and 1,000 until 2029. There would be 1,000 permits approved only for the first quarter of FY 2030.

The legislation also continues the bar on claims of asylum in the CNMI, which allows for the parole authority of the CNMI for Chinese tourists, which Sablan noted was about 45 percent of all arrivals to the NMI. The CNMI economy revolves around the tourism industry.

The legislation provides for better status for CW visa hold-

ers who have been continuously employed in the NMI since fiscal year 2015 by allowing their employers to apply for a CW-1 visa that is valid for three years, while also extending the transitional period to 2029, effectively extending the CW program and several other transitional programs by an additional 10 years.

Torres and Sablan both thanked Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), who championed the first version of the bill through the Senate and Bishop, who introduced the new version of the bill that just passed.

'Team effort resulted in CW1 passage'

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. joined the private sector and the CNMI government in celebrating the passage of H.R. 5956 at the Senate last Thursday and now heads to the desk of President Trump for his signature.

"We believe that this was a matter of our economy as a whole. As such, it required the cooperation of the business community and our government in order to ensure that the prosperity of the CNMI continues for years to come," HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh told *Saipan Tribune*.

Cavanagh said the passage was an incredible accomplishment made by both the CNMI government and business sec-

tor considering the current political atmosphere in Washington D.C. HANMI has also been a supporter of NMBAC, which was established last year.

"Although it has taken longer than originally anticipated, it is an accomplishment of getting this bill through the [U.S.] Senate, then the House and back to the Senate. We remain optimistic on the final step, the signature of our President, to pass into law," said Cavanagh.

She then thanked Murkowski, Bishop, the NMBAC leadership and its consultants—that included special assistance from DFS' consultants, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' administration and staff, and the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP).

NMBAC chair Alex Sablan also thanked the administration. "NMBAC is very grateful for Gov. Torres' leadership and with the constant support from his staff, Matt Deleon Guerrero, and Jason Osborne.

Sablan said at first they received information that nothing has been moving in the Senate. "And the CNMI is extremely lucky the Bishop-Murkowski bill moved without controversy and passed in record time."

"We are also very grateful for chair Murkowski and chair Bishop's leadership and management of this very important legislation to continue the upward mobility and prosperity of our CNMI economy," he added. *(With Jon Perez)*

RESETTLE

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trip that we make for the people of the Northern Islands is coordinated through the mayor's office for the people of the Northern Islands. The islands are ready for them to resettle... our office will help people who want to go back to the Northern Islands because it is ready for its people again."

According to Santos, the hard work that they have put into the past several months is seeing the rewards—people starting to show interest to go back and see a future in their home islands.

"Our office has been working to sustain clean water on Agrigan, Pagan, and Alamagan because that is the basic need of the people and so it's a necessity. We are also working to try to reset the radio to have good communication within the Northern Islands and Saipan," he added.

Eighteen-year-old Carlos Topulei is going to Agrihan with his brother and uncle. "I was not born and raised on Agrihan but I went up there last year and their is nothing like it. I can see myself building a life there that's why this time, I am going and staying their for good."

"I don't think I will crave for Wi-Fi or miss technology when I am there. Everything is special on Agrihan—the soil, water... I like it because it feels like home. My goal once we get there is to build a house, plant, farm, and fish."

Topulei's uncle, Vic Romolor, said that as the patriarch of the family, he is leading the way to get his whole family back in Agrihan. "It is my father's island that's why I want my family to know, to see, and experience where they come from."

"The women in the family will have to wait as the boys and I will establish everything first—build a house before we bring them here. I was there as a child in the 1980s then moved to Saipan but I started coming back 6-7 years ago and I see a whole lot of differ-

ence now as the village is there once again like it has been before... Argihan is coming back to life now," he added.

Thirty-three-year-old Jenny M. Santos is going back to Alamagan with her mother and son.

"I was born and raised on Saipan but my family is from Alamagan. We are going to live their for a long time. I am bringing my son for the summer and he goes back to Saipan in August for school. I bring him to Alamagan every summer so he knows his roots and will not forget," she said.

Northern Island Mayor's Office project manager Kelly Tenorio said that these are exciting times for the people of the Northern Islands.

"These are truly exciting times because this is the day we live for. We cleaned those islands out and we made it ready for these families to come today so it's truly a special day... in fact I'm sending a birthday cake for them to have a birthday while they are there. It's nobody's birthday but just to celebrate because now we have the opportunity to be on our islands again."

"...We have a 3-year-old on board and one child who was born on Alamagan during Typhoon Soudelor and he's returning for the first time so it's exciting and a blessing... This is our next generation, these are the people that I've been saying so important to teach because they are the future of the island," she added.

Tenorio said that the next trip to the Northern Islands will be in August. "Every boat that goes up to the Northern Islands in the future will be bringing more families hopefully... we are now in full force to go ahead. We are not stopping or slowing down as we are making up for lost time," she said.

"The families on board the ship traveling now knows they are going to be sick along the way, they know they will have a miserable feeling, but yet they still do it because their heart is there," she added.

UNITED

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and from Saipan to Guam daily. The current Saipan-Guam routes depart from Guam at 7am and arrive on Saipan at 7:45am and depart from Saipan at 8:45am and arrive in Guam at 9:30am.

Fortunately, over the weekend, it was announced that United Airlines will soon increase their Guam to Saipan and Saipan to Guam flights from seven daily flights to nine.

According to the announcement, beginning Aug. 2, 2018, the added flights are scheduled

to depart Guam on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30pm and will arrive on Saipan at 12:15am the next day. The return flight departs Saipan on Wednesday and Fridays at 4:55am and arrives on Guam at 5:40am, respectively.

Sam Shinohara, Asia/Pacific Airport operations managing director, said that by adding two weekly flights between Guam and Saipan, Saipan customers are offered more opportunities to make a same-day connection to Honolulu, Hawaii and Tokyo, Japan with just one stop in Guam.

"This new service comple-

ments our recently announced reintroduction of wide-body aircraft flying twice-daily between Guam and Tokyo beginning on Oct. 28, as well as the 20 additional flights United will offer customers traveling between Japan and Guam during this summer's peak travel season, Aug. 2 through Aug. 27," Shinohara said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the nine weekly flights would also better accommodate CNMI medical patients transiting to Hawaii.

"I thank United Airlines for their commitment to the CNMI and for their genuine concern for the needs of our

people, especially those who are travelling to Hawaii for medical attention. The timing of the flights is intended to make connections to Honolulu easier for medical patients. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Dan Weiss, managing director for Global Government and Regulatory Affairs, for working with me to secure these additional flights at no cost to the CNMI taxpayer. I also want to thank Senate President Arnold I. Palacios and his letter of support from the Senate regarding our collective efforts to address our air transportation issues," Torres said.

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3 arrested for allegedly raping woman

Police arrested last week three men, including a father and son, for allegedly raping a drunken woman, who also complained that her former boyfriend raped her a day after the incident on Saipan.

Romeo Aquino Saimon, 43, Richmond Ray Keybond, 18, and Christopher Aquino Saimon, 38, were arrested last Thursday and taken for bail hearing in the Superior Court Friday afternoon.

Romeo Saimon was held on charges of sexual assault in the first degree and sexual assault in the second degree. His son, Keybond, was held on two counts of sexual assault in the first degree.

Romeo's brother, Christopher Saimon, was held on one count of sexual assault in the first degree.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$50,000 cash bail each on the three defendants and set the preliminary hearing for July 9 at 1:30pm.

Last Tuesday, police arrested Joseph Aquino Saimon, 42, for allegedly taking his former girlfriend (the same alleged victim) from her worksite to his house on a threat that he would post her nude pictures at her office, then grabbed a machete to rape her last Monday morning, June 25.

Defendants Joseph Saimon, Romeo Saimon, and Christopher Saimon are brothers.

The alleged 31-year-old victim made the complaint about

the two separate rape incidents last Monday late afternoon, June 25, at the Department of Public Safety.

According to police detective Wally Emul Jr., the alleged victim reported that on Sunday, June 24, she was drinking with Romeo Saimon and Christopher Saimon, and Keybond because she had an argument with her former boyfriend, Joseph Saimon.

Emul said the victim reported that she was drunk and that the next thing she remembers was she was in the bedroom and Romeo Saimon was on top of her.

She said she passed out and later saw Keybond on top of her. She said she also saw Christopher Aquino on top of her and that she passed out. Romeo Aquino and Keybond allegedly sexually assaulted her twice.

She told police that she did not consent to have sex with the three suspects.

Emul stated that according to Romeo Saimon, the alleged victim was going through an argument with Joseph Saimon and joined them at a drinking session at their house.

Romeo Saimon denied he touched the complainant. He stated that he brought her into her room, laid her on the bed, and then left the room.

Emul said according to Keybond, he was drinking with the alleged victim and noticed she had an argument with Joseph Saimon.

Keybond said his father, Romeo Saimon, took the alleged victim into her room because she was too drunk and vomited on herself.

Keybond said his father, Romeo, took a while to come back and when he opened the door he saw him on top of her.

He said his father told him to close the door and leave. He said she appeared to be asleep.

Keybond said he left the room, but later went back and had sex with her. He said he then heard Joseph Saimon's car pulling into the house.

Keybond said Joseph Saimon asked what he was doing in the room. Joseph Saimon found his girlfriend naked, came out from the room and punched Keybond on the face. Joseph Saimon left the house.

Emul said Christopher Saimon stated said he saw both Romeo and Keybond went into the room where the alleged victim was sleeping.

Christopher Saimon said he peeked into the room and saw Romeo Saimon on top of her and later also saw Keybond having sex with her.

Christopher Saimon said Keybond told him to have sex with her. Christopher Saimon admitted he too had sex with the complainant.

Christopher Saimon said

Romeo Saimon and Keybond went back to the room and had sex with the complainant again.

Christopher Saimon said when Joseph Saimon returned to the house, he saw his girlfriend naked in the room and punched Keybond.

Joseph Saimon was arrested Tuesday morning on charges of sexual assault in the first degree, kidnapping, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio appeared for the government at the hearings in both cases.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

ADMINISTRATIVE / HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST

On the island of SAIPAN
Announcement # JVA18-29

DUTIES: The successful candidate will work under the general supervision of the Chief Justice and under the direct supervision of the Director of Courts under the rules promulgated by the Judicial Council and the Supreme Court. The candidate is responsible for assisting with administrative and human resource functions of the CNMI Judiciary. The candidate is expected to perform the following duties and responsibilities, but are not limited to the following:

- Assist with the processing of vacancy announcements, pre-employment screening, application requirements, set up of interview panels, post-offer procedures and related recruitment procedures and documents;
- Assist with the processing of employment documents including but not limited to Notification of Personnel Actions (NOPAs), personnel cost impact sheets, contracts and conditions, inter-office forms, and related documents;
- Assist with the tracking of employees and personnel costs, including those for wages, health and pension benefits, and other related financial impact information;
- Assist with the planning and implementation of staff training and professional development programs;
- Compile, review, and transmit information necessary for position descriptions, pay scales, and other human resource standards;
- Assist with certifications of employment history or background check;
- Assist with the drafting of physical and digital templates, forms and documents for use in meeting administrative and personnel procedures and standards;
- Draft correspondence and reports relevant to administrative and human resource functions;
- Assist with data compilation, budget and cost analysis reports;
- Review, track, and report on internal and external factors related to administrative projects and personnel processing;
- Assist with the drafts of monthly, quarterly, close-out or other standard progress reports;
- Assist with records handling and tracking of funds for administrative and payroll costs;
- Maintain and improve upon existing paper and digital filing systems related to general correspondence, administrative projects, personnel standards, and performance reports;
- Safeguard confidentiality for and monitor strict controls of administrative and personnel records;
- Develop knowledge for and maintain current updates on administrative and personnel compliance requirements and assist court personnel and partners in meeting compliance mandates;
- Monitor important dates affecting administrative and personnel projects and assist with deadline compliance;
- Adhere to local and federal document and information requirements in the course of performing administrative and personnel tasks;
- Assist in the procurement process for proposals, expenditures, and delivery of services or items;
- Assist with procedures for audits of funds, employment practices, performance, or inventory;
- Foster and maintain professional network with internal and external partners and maintain registry of contacts information;
- Provide standard administrative support for designated projects as assigned by the Director of Courts or his/her designee;
- Maintain and submit performance tracking reports to the Director of Courts or his/her designee; and
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: The Administrative and Human Resource Specialist must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy one of the following: (1) Have an associate's degree from a nationally accredited college or university in liberal arts, public or business administration, business management, criminal justice, or other appropriate field and two years of experience in secretarial, human resource, legal or administrative support or related work; OR (2) four years in human resource, legal or administrative support or related field. The person must be skilled with the use of computers, internet, general office equipment, and other electronic devices standard to the justice system. Software proficiency is required, especially with Microsoft Office programs such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The person must have a valid CNMI driver's license and be able to operate a government vehicle.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. The salary range will be \$23,000 - \$25,000 annually.

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application forms at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

COMPUTER SPECIALIST

Announcement # JVA18-28
On the island of SAIPAN

DUTIES: The Computer Specialist works under the general supervision of the Chief Justice and/or the Director of Court or his/her designee and under the direct supervision of the Systems Manager. The incumbent is expected to perform the following Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintain and administer computers and other peripheral devices in a domain-based network;
- Perform troubleshooting to diagnose hardware and software issues in person, remotely and via phone;
- Coordinate with Systems Administrator, outside consultant, and/or local parts suppliers to provide the most efficient methods to resolve issues;
- Offer daily operations and systems support to personnel by responding to problems and questions;
- Provide orientation and guidance to users on how to operate new software, computer equipment;
- Provide orientation and guidance to users on how to traverse the local network and access shared data;
- Set up new workstations with computers and necessary peripheral devices;
- Install software, hardware and any subsequent upgrades;
- Ensure scheduled maintenance and data backups are performed regularly;
- Ensure security and privacy of networks and computer systems;
- Assist with maintaining user passwords and other system security measures;
- Assist with obtaining quotes for technological equipment from international and local vendors;
- Assists with data entry, document imaging and statistical reports;
- Assist with the roll out of updates to computers and other peripheral devices;
- Assist in developing and maintaining local networks in ways that optimize performance;
- Assists with server maintenance and database management; and
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: The Computer Specialist should have an Associate's degree in computer science, information technology, or related field plus two (2) years experience in a relevant position or any combination of education and/or experience equivalent to six (6) years in a related field or position. Bachelor's degree is preferred and relevant certifications will be an advantage.

Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain professional records, and uphold office policies. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and be able to operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS PERTINENT TO POSITION (if any):

Applicants must have excellent diagnostic and problem-solving skills with an in depth understanding of diverse computer systems, networks, internet security and IT principles. They must have the ability to communicate technical concepts effectively to a varied audience, meet deadlines and manage stress effectively in high-pressure situations. A strong sense of discretion and confidentiality

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. The salary range will be \$21,000 - \$23,000 annually.

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application forms at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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2018-2019 Application For Free School Meals is now available at the Public School System CNP Office and PSS Website

PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Child Nutrition Program today announced its policy for children *unable* to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, **a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.**

Meal prices for the 2018-2019 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students who do not qualify for fee school meals may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$2.70 at elementary schools and \$3.00 at secondary schools. Students who do not qualify for free school meals may purchase a subsidized school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$4.00 at elementary schools and \$4.50 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Child Nutrition Program Office located on Capital Hill, Saipan. Applications are also available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Child Nutrition Program office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at www.cnmpss.org/child-nutrition-program/

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must also provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the **two most recent check stubs** for each working adult staying in the household must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Child Nutrition Program Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Child Nutrition Program Manager located in government house 1251 located on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the CNP Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the CNP office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

2017-2018 Application for Free School Meals— CNMI Public School System— Food and Nutrition Services

Part 1: List each Student's name and information. List names how they are registered at their schools. Write the Food Stamp Card Number if applicable.

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student Initial	Date of Birth Month / Day / Year	Grade (K-12)	School Name	Food Stamp # (if applicable)	SSI on Income (if any)
1.			/ /				\$
2.			/ /				\$
3.			/ /				\$
4.			/ /				\$
5.			/ /				\$

Part 2: List all other members of the household. Do not include students listed above in part 1. Report all current income received last month. Attach copies of last month's check stubs for income verification.

Names of All Household Members (do not include students listed in Part 1)		Check here if person has NO INCOME	Household Gross Income			
Last Name	First Name		For each household member, list each kind of income and how often it is received: weekly, bi-weekly (or twice per month, monthly. If the person receives no income, place a check in the box next to the person's wages and salaries from all jobs before deductions—	Pension, SSI, Retirement, Social Security	Any other income	
1.			\$ per	\$ per	\$	
2.			\$ per	\$ per	\$	
3.			\$ per	\$ per	\$	
4.			\$ per	\$ per	\$	
5.			\$ per	\$ per	\$	

Part 3: Signature and Social Security Number: An adult listed in Part 2 must sign the application and provide a social security number before it can be approved. I certify (promise) that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that PSS officials may verify (check) the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable Commonwealth or Federal laws and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian	Sign Here	Date Signed	Date
Print your name	First Last	Mailing Address: PO Box City / State / Zip	Main Phone
Last four digits of Social Security Number	X X X - X X X -	Check this box if you do not have a SSN	Daytime Telephone
EMAIL ADDRESS			Working Telephone

For PSS Food and Nutrition official use, please do not write below this line

Categorical Eligibility: NAP	Income	Temporary until / /	DYS	Oth
Total Monthly Income:	Household Size			
Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33	Bi-weekly x 2.15	Twice a month x 2	Verified by:	
Signature of Determining Official: FNS Administrator,		date:		

List the names and info of each child attending school or day care.

List the names of all other members of the household and all income.

One of the legal guardians listed in part 2 must sign and date the form.

2018-2019 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	\$ 15,782	\$ 1,316	\$ 658	\$ 607	\$ 304
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	638
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060
Add'l member, Add.....	+ 5,616	+ 468	+ 234	+ 216	+ 108

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS CNP office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042

DPW sponsors NMTI scholarship, internship opportunities

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute has recently announced that the Department of Public Works has opened up educational opportunities

for CNMI students venturing in construction careers. The joint program offers construction trades students the opportunity to experience firsthand

what DPW Technical Services Division personnel inspect on a daily basis to ensure public access roads are built safely.

The On-the-Job-Training/Supportive Services (OJT/SS) project’s intent was put together through the consultation with federal partners, specifically Hawaii Senior Transportation Engineer, Boday Borres from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. The objective of the funding is to foster capacity in the transportation construction related industry within the local population by offering incentives by means of internships and scholarships.

Three NMTI students have already availed to the Federal Highway Scholarships, while two of the three recipients are

currently undergoing the internship phase of the grant.

Agnes McPhetres, NMTI’s CEO, acknowledged the support of Gov. Ralph Torres’ administration for seeing the

need to partner through this endeavor.

She further noted, “The construction trades remain one of the most highly sought after job skills in the Commonwealth. Without people to maintain our roads and hotels we’d basically remain at a

standstill.”

Public Works Secretary James Ada said, “The opportunity being offered by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration is a great opportunity for the young people of the CNMI to train and learn.” (PR)

Water outage for Tanapag, Achugoa, As Mahetog

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there is an emergency water service interruption for the Tanapag, Achugao, and As Mahetog areas.

The cause of the interruption is due to a leak on the 4-inch distribution water main line near the Tanapag Church. Water operations personnel were informed of the leak but were unable to make the necessary repairs due to World War II human remains being discovered at the job site. The Historic

Preservation Office was informed and is currently making their assessments. Once done, HPO will give CUC clearance to proceed with repairs.

Updates will follow as soon as they are available.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilities-Corporation/>). (PR)



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Department of Public Works Secretary James Ada, second from left, and other officials pose with two Northern Marianas Trades Institute interns who have availed of the Federal Highway Scholarships.

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Pursuant to Public Law 18-69, any unclaimed deposits remaining from this list after October 1, 2018 will be paid to the "CNMI TREASURER" and delivered to the Department of Commerce, Banking Division. Therefore, any claims made after October 1, 2018 must be made at the CNMI Department of Commerce, Banking Division.

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Guam mother accused of abandoning newborn baby boy

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A 32-year-old Guam woman is accused of abandoning her newborn baby boy on the doorstep of a stranger’s home. Naomi Nicole Taisican Omapas was charged Friday with child abuse, family violence and possession of a Schedule II controlled substance, the *Pacific Daily News* reported.

She was released that same day on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Court documents state Omapas admitted to leaving her baby in the front yard of a home, but they don’t say why she did it.

There is no evidence in the charging documents to support the claim that Omapas intended to abandon her baby, argued Peter Sablan, Omapas’ lawyer.

He asked the court to dismiss the charges, but his request was denied.

The Guam police department found Omapas’ baby at a Dededo residence Tuesday morning. The family told

police the baby was left in a laundry basket in front of their home. The baby was wrapped in a towel and T-shirt, court papers state.

The baby is in government custody and is doing well, officials said.

This week, detectives went back to the neighborhood and found witnesses who reported seeing Omapas in the area before she gave birth.

Officers found Omapas in Dededo and she told them she had given birth at her Dededo home about midnight Tuesday, document state.

She also told police that, three weeks before giving birth to the baby, she smoked “ice” and that she smoked the drug to “get away from her life’s problems,” according to the court complaint.

Omapas was previously charged with family violence and misdemeanor child abuse for hitting her kids with a clothes hanger after she caught them jumping on a bed where a newborn baby was lying, according to *Pacific Daily News* files.



Kensington Hotel to mark 2nd year

Kensington Hotel Saipan is celebrating another fruitful year. Since its grand opening in 2016, the San Roque landmark has constantly been striving to offer the best hotel experience to customers as well serve the local community. All of the Kensington family is deeply grateful for the government, business partners, customers, and the whole local community without whose support and cooperation the hotel could not have reached where it is now.

The second year anniversary is not only for festivity, but also for expression of Kensington Hotel’s gratitude toward all of its supporters and community members.

The first part of celebration is a golf tournament at Coral Ocean Golf Resort on July 7. The shotgun start of the game is scheduled at 6:30am. The best players will be rewarded with diverse prizes provided by Kensington Hotel, Coral Ocean Golf Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and valued sponsors. Kensington Hotel especially would like to thank Triple J, one of the hotel’s major sponsors that agreed to generously donate a hole-in-one prize.

In the evening of July 7, celebration will be continued at Kensington Hotel in the form of dinner party. The hotel is gearing up to fill the night with fun and enjoyment. The anniversary will be highlighted with rich and tasteful performances and fireworks. **(PR)**



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JKPL holds Children's Summer Reading Program

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is excited to announce that it once again held its 12th Annual Collaborative Summer Reading Program, which ran from June 12 to June 22. It was a two-week session, for ages 6 to 12 years old. This year, the Summer Library theme was "Libraries Rock!" During these sessions, the children had the opportunity to meet new friends, work as a team, and engage in various activities which included the following: read alouds, crafts, a computer day, sports, a special guest presenter, community presentations, writing, Libraries Rock! riddles/jokes, a movie day, music & movement, and much more.

Last Friday, June 22, the JKPL Summer Reading Program wrapped up its sessions with certificates of completion, gift certificates, movie passes, tote bag, and many other giveaways. The children were also treated to a fun mini carnival.

The JKPL would like to take the opportunity to extend a huge appreciation to all parents/guardians, volunteers, and sponsors for

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Next step, Community Outreach, here we come! In an effort to reach more patrons and to continue to keep our community of all ages motivated, en-

gaged, and enlightened by reading over the summer, the JKPL staff will also bring the Summer Reading Program out to the villages to conduct activities with the community. Sessions are limited and registration is required. Please register on-site at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 5pm, and Saturday, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The list of dates and locations is available on our website at www.cnmilib.org. See below for locations:

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■ July 24-27, 9:30am-12pm, Kagman Elementary School

For the latest news and events, visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at www.cnmilib.org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joetenkiyu. Call the library at 670-235-7322/23 for questions/concerns. The library's summer hours are as follows (effective June 12-Aug. 4): Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5:30pm, Saturday, 9am-4pm, and closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. (PR)

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Elections matter. Our government is out of whack

Elections have consequences.

That will be on stark display in the days, weeks and perhaps months ahead as President Donald Trump, Congress and the nation battle over the replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

We speak to Democrats today because our government is out of whack. At a time when Republicans control two branches of government and are about to lock up the third, there is a desperate need to politically rebalance the nation — to return to a centrist equilibrium.

For left-leaning Democrats, that means remembering that political purity must not become the enemy of party survival. And for California Democrats, that means remembering that the rest of the nation isn't like the Left Coast.

We are at a moment where issues once thought resolved — none more so than abortion rights — are potentially back in play with Trump's second nomination to the Supreme Court.

Kennedy has repeatedly been the swing vote on the high court, providing liberals victories on abortion access, same-sex marriage, the environment and limits on capital punishment. And backing conservatives on gun rights, unlimited campaign spending and Trump's travel ban.

With Kennedy gone, Trump's nominee will almost certainly cement the conservative majority. And looming in the background is the question of how much longer liberal, 85-year-old Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will stick around — how much longer until Trump has yet another pick.

Democrats will cry foul. They will rightfully point out that President Obama two years ago was denied even a hearing on his nominee, Merrick Garland, to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

They are correct that if the no-hearings-in-an-election-year standard was appropriate in 2016, it should be the standard again today. The fact is that it wasn't right then and it isn't right now — but the same rules should apply in both cases.

Democrats will also protest that Trump's first Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch, won confirmation only because Senate Republicans changed the rules — invoking the "nuclear option" that eliminated the 60-vote requirement to stop filibusters. Again, Democrats will be right and justified in their anger — but it doesn't politically matter.

Most of the nation doesn't care. It's "inside baseball" that's irrelevant to most voters. In the end, it's elections that matter. The 2016 election — for president, the House and the Senate — allowed the GOP to take complete control of government.

Yes, Trump won the presidency without a majority of the vote because of the Electoral College system. But that's the presidential election system set out in our Constitution.

And Democrats will legitimately complain that Republicans control the House in part because of highly partisan gerrymandering that the Supreme Court failed to correct in this last term.

Democratic voters have a choice. They can complain about the rules, refuse to play, and take their ball and go home. But that will merely ensure further conservative control of the nation.

Democrats can waste their time hoping for impeachment of

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After Maryland shooting, Trump must quit embracing autocrats who squash the press

In the wake of the murder of five journalists at the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis, I can't help recalling a tweet by Donald Trump just after he returned from his love fest with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un in Singapore. "Our Country's biggest enemy is the Fake News so easily promulgated by fools," the president wrote.

In Trump's mind, the media who reported facts — for example, the slim results of the Singapore summit — were a bigger threat than a nuclear-armed mass murderer in Pyongyang.

Before the Annapolis shootings, we accepted such nonsense as the new normal. Trump's denunciation of fact-full media as "FAKE NEWS" was taken for granted. Ditto for his vilification of the New York Times, CNN, NBC News, and many other outlets as "the enemy of the American people." Trump's incitement of crowds to assault reporters and, his denunciations of specific journalists by name, were decried but expected.

But Trump's media-bashing has now become an immediate danger that threatens to encourage his angry supporters to attack journalists. (While the shooter's full motivation is still not known, he tweeted in 2015 that criticism of candidate Trump by the Capital Gazette "could end badly.")

The president says the shootings "filled our hearts with grief," but his actions say otherwise.

Nothing better illustrates Trump's attitude toward the non-synophantic press than his embrace of authoritarian leaders who repress their own media — from Vladimir Putin to Filipino leader Rodrigo Duterte to Polish President Andrzej Duda. He clearly envies autocrats who can shut journalists up — and wishes he could do the same.

Let's start with Trump's Putin envy.

During Trump's campaign, when asked by MSNBC's Joe Scarborough about Putin's killing of journalists, Trump replied, "Well, I think that our country does plenty of killing, too, Joe." When pressed, he reluctantly condemned such murders, but then quickly added: "I've always felt fine about Putin. He's a strong leader. He's a powerful leader."

Trump has repeatedly defended Putin on the issue of murdered journalists, saying, "It has not been proven that he's killed reporters."

Surely he knows that, in Russia, Putin needn't give the orders for such killings (or for the murder of opponents). Assassinations can be conducted with impunity by those who think they are doing the president's bidding — or by criminals who know that they will not be apprehended.

Last year at a G-20 meeting in Hamburg, Germany, Trump sat with Putin, who pointed at reporters and said, "Are these the ones who insulted you?" The two leaders laughed together, but the exchange was telling. Chuckling when Putin trolls the press signals a shared view of how the media should be treated.

Twenty-eight Russian journalists have been murdered since Putin became president in 2000; most cases remain unsolved.

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The Kremlin has seized control of all national TV stations, and independent journals have mostly been forced to close by intimidation of journalists, advertisers or paper suppliers. Many journalists have been threatened or beaten. Russia is number 180 out of 199 countries in Freedom House's ranking for press freedom.

And even small, remaining independent news outlets, mostly online, know it is too dangerous to criticize Putin or his inner circle.

Then there is Trump's uncritical embrace of President Duterte of the Philippines, who openly threatens journalists with murder (and sends vigilantes to kill thousands of drug-dealer suspects). According to the National Review last year, when reporters brought up the subject of human-rights abuses to Duterte, who was sitting with Trump at the time, the Filipino leader called the journalists "spies." Trump laughed.

Never mind that Duterte has argued that "corrupt" journalists deserved to be killed and threatened: "Just because you're a journalist, you are not exempted from assassination, if you're a son of a bitch," he famously said.

We also musn't forget Trump's stage appearance next to Polish President Duda a year ago. While delivering a speech on "Western values" in Warsaw, Trump pledged to team up with Duda to fight "fake news." Never mind that Duda has been curbing press (and judiciary freedoms) in his own country. Or that the Polish leader used Trump's accolades to denounce the media critics who report on his regime's growing repression.

"I would never kill them (journalists) but I do hate them," candidate Trump told a 2015 rally, as he defended Putin from allegations of murder. But, he continued, Putin "says he didn't (kill journalists). Other people say he didn't. Tell me, who did he kill?"

In defending Putin, in accepting Putin's denials, in enabling Duterte and Duda, in denouncing critics as "fake news," Trump is joining the club of despots and wannabes that see criticism from the press as an annoyance to be denounced, and, if possible, eliminated.

This is new to America in my lifetime. Richard Nixon hated the press, but he didn't denounce journalists in public, nor did he have social media to amplify his message.

After the Capital Gazette, Trump's press bashing must be called out for what it is: an encouragement to the deranged to rid their idol of his troublesome critics.

Americans want stricter gun laws. Why can't Congress pass any?

On Thursday a gunman entered the offices of a newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland, and opened fire, killing five people and injuring two. There have been more than 150 mass shootings in the U.S. this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive. Two Bloomberg columnists who write extensively about politics met online recently to consider the question: If most voters support stricter gun laws, then why can't Congress pass any?

Francis Wilkinson: The easy answer is three letters: N, R and A. The harder question is why a lobby representing gun manufacturers is so influential. The usual reply is that the National Rifle Association is highly organized, and its members highly motivated, to exert maximum political pressure.

That's true: fanatical, single-issue voters get results — especially when their opponents are invested across an array of issues. But there's also a cultural/political angle. Gun owners are older, whiter and a shrinking part of the electorate. Once bipartisan, the NRA has become an integral component of the (older, whiter) GOP, advancing party goals — culture war attacks on “godless” liberals, for example — that have ostensibly little to do with guns.

As gun politics have grown increasingly partisan, and “owning the libs” has become an increasingly popular form of conservative catharsis, the NRA and GOP have become entwined. State Republicans pass reckless laws — guns in bars! — to make the libs mad and the NRA happy.

No more than a few dozen members of Congress genuinely believe there shouldn't be universal background checks for gun purchases. But most Republicans come from Republican places. As long as the price of defying the NRA is higher than the price of going along, they'll go along to get along.

Jonathan Bernstein: It's all about the parties. In an era of strong party polarization in Congress, very few policy areas are likely to produce significant legislation unless there's unified government for a party that makes action on that issue a priority.

So whatever overall public opinion says, almost all elected Republicans will oppose any new laws as long as the NRA is a Republican-aligned interest group. That means it's very hard to pass any laws restricting guns with a Republican president or when Republicans have majorities in the House or Senate.

What about the Democrats? While they were always notionally in favor of what they call “common sense” gun laws, Democrats blamed their historic loss in the 1994 midterms on the passage of the Brady Bill and a ban on semi-automatic rifles during the first two years of Bill Clinton's presidency. Whether gun politics really was responsible isn't important. What matters is how political actors interpret election results, and Democrats very much interpreted their 1994 loss — including the stunning defeat of then-Speaker Tom Foley — as a bright neon warning about guns.

That's finally shifting, especially after the 2011 attack on former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and the horrifying mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., in 2012. But it is critical to understanding why guns simply weren't on the agenda when Democrats had the votes to do something in 2009.

Frank: Since you live in Texas, Jon, and because guns are a highly regionalized issue, I'm interested in how you see gun politics developing by states. Blue states are regulating guns much more aggressively, while red states have been deregulating (although that seems to be slowing, in part because there is little left to deregulate).

Jon: Yes. One of the consequences of guns becoming integrated within partisan polarization is that Democratic states are passing restrictions, while Republican states are not. Since there will probably be more Democratic state governments after the elections this year, the newly elected Democrats are going to act.

The new generation doesn't know Tom Foley from Tom Felton; I count only 14 House Democrats who served with Foley. So that lesson has worn off, which makes it easier for them to, for example, start reading and reacting to polling.

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the president, personally attacking him and his people, and fighting a campaign based solely on culture wars. And they will lose again.

Or they can recognize that they must find a way to appeal — with message and candidates — not only to the left-wing, blue-state base of their party but also to the centrist working-class voters in swing states.

To Democratic voters, the choice should be clear: Stay home on Election Day and sulk that your candidate (think Bernie Sanders) didn't win the primary, or get out and vote.

Remember, your candidate might not be perfect — and Hillary Clinton certainly wasn't — but the alternative could be worse. And the stakes have never been higher.

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Here in Texas, I was amazed at how prominent guns were in the House Democratic primary last month in my Republican-leaning district. The relatively moderate candidate, Joseph Kopsner, sent out mailers saying he had “the courage to take on the NRA” and touting specific “gun safety” legislation he favored. I'm very interested in whether that's mostly driven by polling — in which case it's more or less voter-driven — or if it's more of an effect of changing party dynamics — specifically of all the women who have been mobilized in this election cycle, including the increasing importance of Moms Demand Action (which is supported by Michael Bloomberg, founder of Bloomberg LP).

Frank: I think there's a powerful overlap between groups like Moms Demand, which was only founded after Sandy Hook but has arguably overtaken other, more established, gun-regulation groups in that short time, and the women who are filling out Democratic Party primaries across the country. Polarization begets polarization. Trump and the NRA are locked in a tight embrace (with each making come-hither glances toward Russia, to carry a bad metaphor further). Some of the people mobilized to address gun violence are similarly mobilized to counter Trump. That's likely to have long-term consequences for the NRA.

Jon: What could really matter at the national level is if one or two prominent Republicans lost elections in which NRA extremism winds up as a Republican explanation. Unfortunately, we've seen Republicans tending to blame fictions such as voter fraud when they lose, rather than take stock of what policy positions might be dangerous for them. Perceptions really do matter in this realm.

Frank: Reality may matter as well. Florida was gun-crazy heaven for years. The Parkland massacre prompted a red-flag law (setting up a system enabling family or authorities to petition a court to have guns removed from a dangerous person) that surely would not have been enacted without a lot of bloodshed.

Jon: Well, here in Texas we had the church shooting in Sutherland Springs in November 2017, which hasn't produced much in the way of new policy. I also wonder about the extent to which

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policy might be overly reactive to headline events. I'm hardly an expert on the substance here, but I wonder whether Democrats really have a well-thought-out agenda for when they have a chance to implement it, or just a bunch of feel-good, poll-tested stuff that will have limited effects.

Frank: That brings me to my final word on this: doors. That, of course, is what your lieutenant governor suggested might be at fault after the massacre at a high school in Santa Fe, Texas, last month. “Doors” pretty well frames (sorry) the whole debate. First, because on a rational basis the response is patently absurd. Which raises the question: How long can patently absurd responses repel the obvious public policy solutions — regulating firearms and the people who can access them?

Second, however, the answer reveals the extremes to which the community that worships guns in a quasi-religious fashion will go to absolve their deity of any responsibility for negative results. Waiting for the fever to break has proved to be a losing political strategy. We'll see if a new era of activism, sparked by moms and students and others getting off the sidelines, is more successful.

Jon: How long can absurd policy responses crowd out rational ones? Indefinitely, if that's how the politics breaks. There's no magic wand here; no level of objective reality that will turn things around by itself.

But that doesn't make things hopeless. Political organization and mobilization can work wonders. It's always been difficult with guns, because it's always been a classic case of an intense minority against a relatively indifferent majority, and the U.S. political system is set up to reward intense minorities.

That said, the Democrats do seem to be moving into a cycle of activism in this area. There's already been action at the state level, and there's every reason to believe more will be in the works in 2019. The policy-making process in the United States has a strong status quo bias, but we shouldn't leave the message that organizing is futile. Parties are permeable; if you don't like what your party is doing in some policy area, it's surprising how little it takes to get involved and change it.

Tempus fugit trilogy

TIME FLIES HOW SWEET THE FLEET

“It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives.”
— James Boswell, *Life of Johnson*, 1791

I live from day to day the older man said we have all heard that many times before now the happy soul resides with the dead there are no sunny days for him any more. It was the same routine year after year the drive back and forth long commuting after work grocery shopping a cold beer then less driving when he began computing. Summer vacations broke the monotony two weeks camping in a National Park weekend barbecues he practiced gluttony gazed at planets and stars out in the dark. Tempus fugit, time flies when you are having fun till death draws a final curtain across the sun.

MUERTE DE UNA MOSCA, DEATH OF A FLY

“I heard a fly buzz—when I died—the stillness in the room was like the stillness in the air.”
—Emily Dickinson, *American poet*, (1830 -1886)

They get a lot noisier as they grow older they seem to like to bite when they are smaller the smell of meat makes them grow bolder in and around waste matter they like to wallow there are none around till you sit down then they come out in numbers to surprise you landing on your glass but never drown

LITERARY NOOK

By **JOEY ‘PEPE BATBON’ CONNOLLY**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey “Pepe Batbon” Connolly is a retired teacher and poet living on Tinian who taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.



they see you coming with their multiple eyes
your favorite delicious foods for them is fodder
until you nail them with your plastic fly swatter

TIME ROTTEN and DEATH MISBEGOTTEN

“I will not heed the prejudice of nose, comparisons of carrion and rose.”

— Anna Wickham (1884 -1947)

After typhoons driving down coral roads in Micronesia the smell of dead cats and dogs comes from the bushes these overwhelming odors may give you dire dyskinesia repulsive smells cause out of the mouth vomit gushes. Roast goat and suckling pigs on a spit smell great their succulent s'mell wafts from a long way off get some crispy skin as you balutan your plate have an ice cold beer and enjoy the rest of the day. Down deep in the ground a carcass rots away as the mealy worms do their job making soil rich in and out its nose the worms crawl and play up above the smell makes you rub your nose and itch even though a dog's sense of smell is better than ours

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲89° ▼78°

TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲88° ▼78°

WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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THURSDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

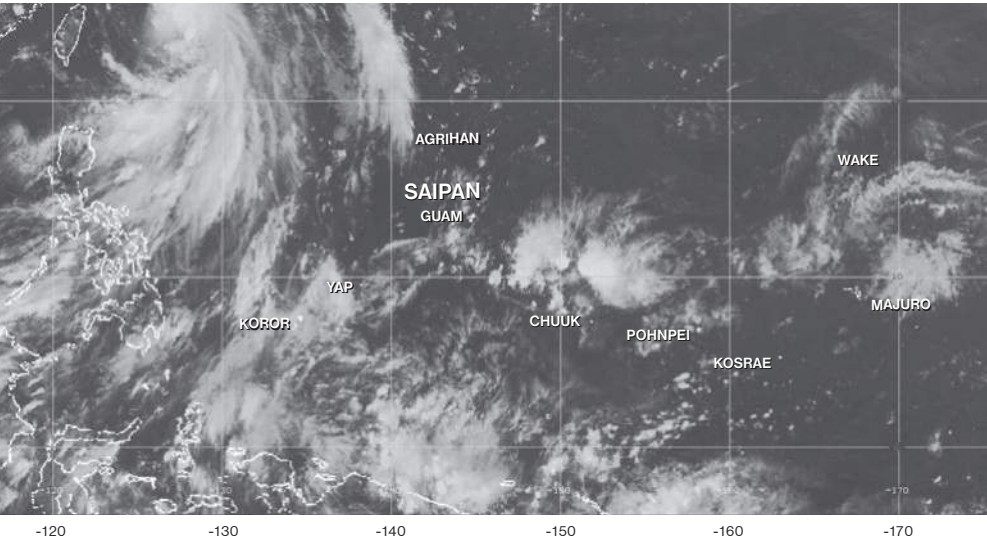
▲88° ▼78°

FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:51 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Overall, generally dry weather is expected for the next few days, with isolated showers and a few thunderstorms forecast. This is drier than was earlier expected. A disturbance to the southeast, currently near Chuuk is very slow moving. Moisture with this system was originally supposed to get to the Marianas as early as today and Monday, but now looks to hold off until Wednesday and Thursday. Based on recent model performance, did not want to add scattered showers at this point, but certainly, if the model forecast holds up, then it looks like we could have a rainy period at some point between Wednesday and Friday, likely centered on Thursday. If the model trends continue scattered showers will have to be added in future forecasts.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	87° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	85° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	57° / 46°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	97° / 75°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°	
Honolulu	Showers	86° / 74°	
London	Sunny	84° / 59°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	76° / 63°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57° / 46°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
New York	Sunny	89° / 74°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	88° / 79°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	88° / 63°	
Busan	Thunderstorm	75° / 72°	
Rome	Sunny	90° / 68°	
Salem	Thunderstorm	88° / 72°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	66° / 53°	
Seoul	Showers	81° / 72°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	90° / 75°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	95° / 76°	

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:42 AM	LOW TIDE	1.17	
9:09 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.69	
4:30 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.10	
11:31 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.85	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	8:53 AM	9:51 PM
Tuesday	-	9:42 AM	10:31 PM
Wednesday	-	10:30 AM	11:11 PM
Thursday	-	11:19 AM	11:50 PM
Friday	-	12:09 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 6, 2018							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily	UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN	UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
				UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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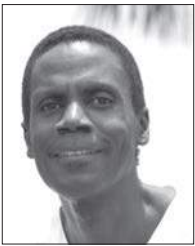
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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Writer’s Workshop comes to Tinian on July 13

As a public service to the wider CNMI community, to encourage entrepreneurship, professional development and passion-centered creative expression, the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Tinian Public Library, Tinian Mayor’s Office, and author Walt F.J. Goodridge will present the author’s popular Writer’s Workshop on Friday, July 13, 2018 from 1pm to 4pm, free of charge at the library on the island of Tinian. This event requires at least 15 pre-registered participants in order to take place. Sign up (again, it’s free) by visiting the library on Tinian, or by calling Julie Sablan during Tinian library hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm) at 670 433-0647. (Rota residents may express their interest for a Rota workshop at this same number)

Are you an aspiring author? Do you have an idea for a book? Have you always wanted to write and publish a novel, memoir, non-fiction “how to” manual, cook book, collection of poetry or photographs? Want some proven tips for overcoming writer’s block? Or, perhaps you wish



Goodridge

to improve your writing and computer skills for professional development. Well you can, and it’s easier than you think!

Saipan resident, Walt F.J. Goodridge, is author of over 24 books in a variety of genres. His books have been used as texts for university courses, as guides by other coaches, and his ideas have been quoted in books by *Guerrilla Marketing* guru Jay Conrad Levinson, Hip Hop music pioneer Chuck D, and other business authors worldwide. He’s been featured in *Time Magazine*, *Entrepreneur*, *Wall St. Journal*, and other publications.


Goodridge has written several books about Saipan including *Jamaican on Saipan*, *Chicken Feathers & Garlic Skin: Diary of a Chinese Garment Factory Girl on Saipan*, *Saipan Living*, *Doing Business on Saipan*, *Saipan Now: a photo adventure*, *There’s Something About Saipan*, and *From Bugle Boy to Battle Ship: a Battle of Saipan Veteran’s Memoir*. He has also coached, edited, or ghost-written other books including *When the Walls Came Down* by Ken Greene (a 9/11 mem-

oir), *Rucksack to Briefcase* by Chief Raymond (a military to civilian-side transition guide), and, with local CHCC nurse Riza Ramos, he’s collaborated on *The Boy Who Dreamed to Be With His Parents on Saipan*, *GermStopper Boy and Drinking Seawater* (a Soude-lor memoir), and guided these and other authors from idea to Amazon sales!


During this lively, interactive three-hour workshop, Goodridge will share step-by-step instructions on how to start a book project, see it through to completion, edit and publish independently and go from idea to sales in 24 hours or less.

The free workshop will be held on Friday, July 13, 2018, from 1pm to 4pm, at the Tinian Public Library. The event, sponsored by Friends of the Library is absolutely free, but pre-registration of at least 15 participants is required.

To register, visit the front desk of the Tinian Library or call Julie Sablan during Tinian Library hours (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm) at 433-0647. For more information or to learn more about Goodridge, and to see some success stories from past workshops on Saipan, visit www.saipan-writers.com. **(PR)**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-011

GUALO RAI WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Gualo Rai Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV and PSV, flush hydrants, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **June 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-18-011, Gualo Rai Water Line Replacement Project”**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 10, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.*


All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 25, 2018** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater Associate Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org


CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-018

ISLAND WIDE WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of excavation to verify leaks and leak repair on various types of waterlines. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

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A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **July 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-18-018: Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan”** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

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A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 5, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org


CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Purchasing Administrator



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-024

REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINE # 8 AND # 4 FRAME, BLOCK & ALTERNATOR PARTS AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the removal and relocation of Engine 8 and Engine No. 4 frame, block & alternator parts at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition they will also be required to remove the coils from the stators and store them in a designated place. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the CUC plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration.

As this is a re-bid, a Pre-Bid Conference is not considered necessary; CUC will allow Site Visit based on pre-scheduled arrangements with CUC through email. Prospective Bidders who had not participated in the previous bid (CUC-IFB-18-020) are encouraged to visit the site for familiarizing the site conditions.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-18-024: Removal and relocation of engines 8 and 4 at Power Plant No. 1”**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 27, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are however expected to have experience and the required skill sets in similar work.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 16, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager – via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Getting lost in Tokyo's railway system

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TOKYO, Japan—For first-time travelers like me, it is easy to get lost visiting this densely populated urban jungle. A city with a population of close to 40 million, whose people are working and living in an area of about 5,000 square miles.

Just a disclaimer: this is not a travelogue or a guide on what sites to see, places to explore, and other things to do when you visit Japan. Rather a tourist recounting his experience in surviving the streets of one of the world's busiest cities.

I have to give props to the Japanese when it comes to urban planning. Most especially, coming from a country that emerged from the destruction of the Second World War.

The Japanese has brought efficiency and urban planning to another level, a model that other countries could emulate and follow. They created a concrete jungle, without sacrificing the environment with trees and flora still found even in parks—whether big or small—and in tiny spaces scattered around the city. Their rivers and creeks are still clean, free of trash unlike in other cities like Manila where I grew up.

Their main highway—from Narita Airport to Metropolitan Tokyo—were either two or four lanes. For other byways, especially going to the AirBNB where we stayed at Minami-Koshigaya in Saitama Prefecture, they have narrow one-lane roads for cars and their public transport system, but wider sidewalks for people to walk on and ride their bikes either to work, the market, or in any destination they are heading to.

They have buses—whether limousine service or the regular ones that went around the designated routes and only stops in assigned stations—and taxi cabs that were a bit pricey compared to their railway system, which is their main mode of transportation around the Greater Tokyo Area, the 26 other nearby cities, and the mountainous region of the Nishi-Tama District in the west.

Japan is a country that loves the railway system, a somewhat dizzying maze crisscrossing the city, but also connects northern and southern areas of the country. There are instances that you need to transfer to several trains or stations in order to get to your destination.

The Tokyo Station, the main intercity terminal in the Chiyoda Marunouchi Business District, is home to the

Tokaido Shinkansen or more popularly known as the high-speed bullet train.

The Tokaido Shinkansen is owned and operated by the Central Japan Railway Co. and it has three train services—the Nozomi, the fastest and has limited stops; the semi-fast Hikari; and the Kodama that stops in all stations from Tokyo to Shin-Osaka.

We rode the Nozomi line when we went to Osaka where it only took almost three hours in making the more than 500-kilometer trip from Tokyo.

Sanyo, Tohoku, Joetsu, Naganu, and Kyushu are the other lines that connect the country from the Hokkaido to the north and the southern islands of Shikoku and Kyushu. Tokyo is located in the island of Honshu. You might have to transfer or use other lines in exploring the other cities and places in the Land of the Rising Sun.

I traveled with my family, wife and two kids, and I've lost

count on how many times we got lost in trying to find places like the controversial Yasukuni Shrine to the war dead, the beautiful red-painted Torii Gates Tunnel at Hie Shrine in Akasaka district, Diver City Tokyo Plaza, the 20-meter Unicorn Gundam statue in Odaiba, Godzilla—which has captivated our son for more than a year now—statue at the Hibiya Chanter building in Chiyoda Ward's Yurakucho

district, the Giant Sky Wheel, and the Tokyo Skytree. On the bright side, we get to see other places in Tokyo.

We walked around Shinkoshigaya in Saitama district and Nishikujo in Osaka Prefecture, visited the Tokyo Imperial Palace—didn't get to see Emperor Akihito or any other member of the Imperial family though—saw the Tokyo skyline at night at the Tokyo One Piece Tower, and

most importantly stopped by the Wizarding World of Harry Potter inside Universal Studios Japan and toured "The Happiest Place on Earth" Tokyo Disneyland.

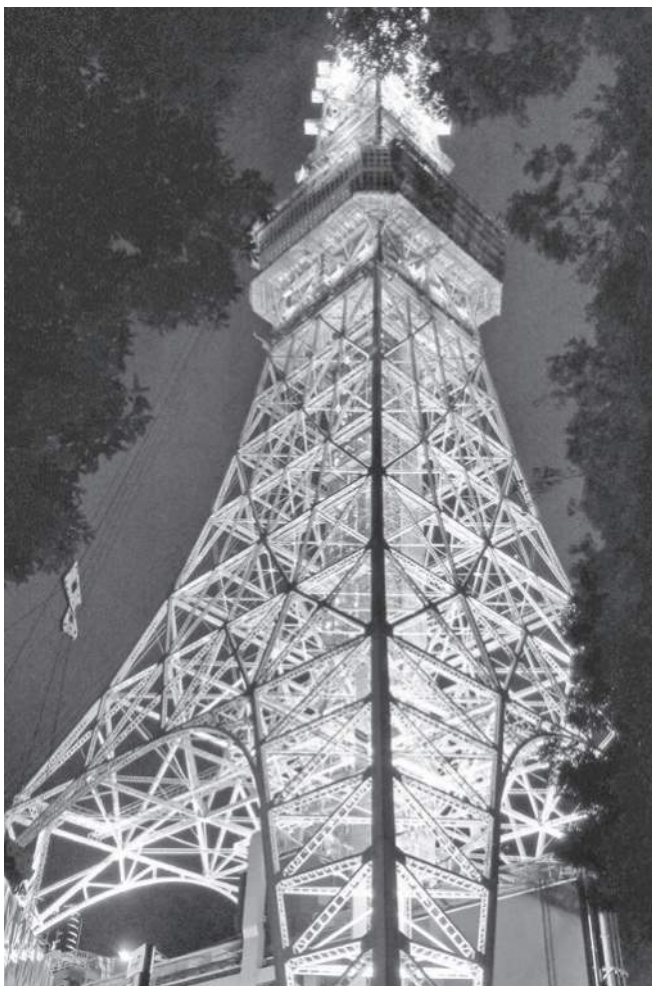
It was a fun and learning experience for us with both of our kids enjoying the trip when we visited both theme parks—the 108-acre USJ and all 115 acres of Tokyo Disneyland where we my wife and I became kids again.



An old structure inside the Imperial Palace's courtyard at the East Garden



A Shinto shrine towers above houses and other structure in an area near Tokyo.



The Tokyo One Piece Tower at night.



Walt Disney with the world's most famous mouse.



Trees and other greenery are scattered around Tokyo with footbridges add a touch of old Japan in a modern city.



Crows and ravens fly freely in Tokyo and are not afraid to go near people.

Business

Trump says Saudi Arabia will boost oil production

BERKELEY HEIGHTS, N.J. (AP) — President Donald Trump said Saturday that he had received assurances from King Salman of Saudi Arabia that the kingdom will increase oil production, “maybe up to 2,000,000 barrels” in response to turmoil in Iran and Venezuela. Saudi Arabia acknowledged the call took place, but mentioned no production targets.

Trump wrote on Twitter that he had asked the king in a phone call to boost oil production “to make up the difference...Prices to (sic) high! He has agreed!”

A little over an hour later, the state-run Saudi Press Agency reported on the call, but offered few details.

“During the call, the two leaders stressed the need to make efforts to maintain the stability of oil markets and the growth of the global economy,” the statement said.

It added that there also was an understanding that oil-producing countries would need “to compensate for any potential shortage of supplies.” It did not elaborate.

In a statement issued Saturday night, the White House did not specify that Saudi Arabia would increase production but that “King Salman affirmed that the Kingdom maintains a two million barrel per day spare capacity,

which it will prudently use if and when necessary to ensure market balance and stability, and in coordination with its producer partners, to respond to any eventuality.”

Oil prices have edged higher as the Trump administration has pushed allies to end all purchases of oil from Iran following the U.S. pulling out of the nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers. Prices also have risen with ongoing unrest in Venezuela and fighting in Libya over control of that country’s oil infrastructure.

Last week, members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries cartel led by Saudi Arabia and non-cartel members agreed to pump 1 million barrels more crude oil per day, a move that should help contain the recent rise in global energy prices. However, summer months in the U.S. usually lead to increased demand for oil, pushing up the price of gasoline in a midterm election year. A gallon of regular gasoline sold on average in the U.S. for \$2.85, up from \$2.23 a gallon last year, according to AAA.

If Trump’s comments are accurate, oil analyst Phil Flynn said it could immediately knock \$2 or \$3 off a barrel of oil. But he said it’s unlikely that decrease could sustain itself as demand spikes, leading

prices to rise by wintertime.

“We’ll need more oil down the road and there’ll be nowhere to get it,” said Flynn, of the Price Futures Group. “This leaves the world in kind of a vulnerable state.”

Other analysts were more doubtful about immediate effects.

Trump appears to be trying to “talk the market down,” said Lawrence Goldstein, who directs the Energy Policy Research Foundation. He questioned whether Trump’s words would do anything to reverse the effects on the market of declining Iranian oil production. He also noted it always takes at least two months before a change in shipping commitments affects the market.

Trump’s aim may be to exert maximum pressure on Iran while at the same time not upsetting potential U.S. midterm voters with higher gas prices, said Antoine Halff, a Columbia University researcher and former chief oil analyst for the International Energy Agency.

“The Trump support base is probably the part of the U.S. electorate that will be the most sensitive to an increase in U.S. gasoline prices,” Halff said.

Trump’s comments came Saturday as global financial markets were closed. Brent crude stood at \$79.42 a barrel, while U.S. benchmark crude was at \$74.15.

Asia economies discuss trade pact amid rising protectionism

TOKYO (AP)—Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Sunday called for an early conclusion of a regional trade pact that ensures free and rules-based commerce in the face of an increasingly protectionist United States under President Donald Trump.

Japan co-chairs the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, or RCEP, with Singapore, and seeks to take leadership in shaping the pact as an alternative to a Pacific Rim free-trade grouping that Trump abandoned early this year.

In his opening remarks to a meeting of 16 Asian trade ministers, Abe said a pact among the countries that together make up half the global population has an enormous growth potential.

“As we are faced with concerns of the rise of protectionism in the world, all of us in Asia must unite, and our future depends on whether we can keep hoisting our flagship principle of free and fair

trade,” Abe told the meeting in Tokyo. He said RCEP is increasingly getting more attention from the rest of the world amid concerns of protectionism, so “Let us be as one and achieve a free, fair and rules-based market in this region.”

Trump, who says he prefers bilateral deals, has pulled the U.S. out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, leaving the remaining 11 countries from Chile to New Zealand to work on a revamped version of that pact.

Trump has imposed high tariffs on steel and aluminum imports and has threatened to add automobiles to reduce America’s trade deficit. He has singled out China’s products, prompting fears of a trade war.

Japan, already hit by increased U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs, has told the World Trade Organization it may retaliate against U.S. goods totaling about 50 billion yen (\$450 million). Japan’s government on Friday warned

the U.S. Department of Commerce that a higher U.S. tariff on auto imports could backfire, jeopardizing hundreds of thousands of American jobs created by Japanese automobile industry-related companies, raising prices for U.S. consumers and causing a disaster for the U.S. and global economy.

Trump’s moves have resonated in Asia, where many countries have prospered thanks to free trade and the expansion of global supply chains.

Japan hopes to conclude the RCEP pact by the end of this year. Members of the initiative, launched in 2013, however still struggle with issues including tariffs, trade in services and investment rules, as well as protection for intellectual property rights. Japan is also cautious about China’s influence. China, which is not part of the TPP, plays a key role in RCEP.

RCEP also includes Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Korea.

Nation

TO FIGHT TRUMP IMMIGRATION POLICY

Protesters flood US cities

WASHINGTON (AP)—They wore white. They shook their fists in the air. They carried signs reading: “No more children in cages,” and “What’s next? Concentration Camps?”

In major cities and tiny towns, hundreds of thousands of marchers gathered Saturday across America, moved by accounts of children separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border, in the latest act of mass resistance against President Donald Trump’s immigration policies.

Protesters flooded more than 700 marches, from immigrant-friendly cities like New York and Los Angeles to conservative Appalachia and Wyoming. They gathered on the front lawn of a Border Patrol station in McAllen, Texas, near a detention center where migrant children were being held in cages, and on a street corner near Trump’s golf resort at Bedminster, New Jersey, where the president is spending the weekend.

Trump has backed away from family separations amid bipartisan and international uproar. His “zero tolerance policy” led officials to take more than 2,000 children from their parents as they tried to enter the country illegally, most of them fleeing violence, persecution or economic collapse in their home countries.

Those marching Saturday demanded the government quickly reunite the families that were already divided.

A Brazilian mother separated from her 10-year-old son more than a month ago approached the microphone at the Boston rally.

“We came to the United States seeking help, and we never imagined that this could happen. So I beg everyone, please release these children, give my son back to me,” she said through an interpreter, weeping.

“Please fight and continue fighting, because we will win,” she said.

The crowd erupted.

In Washington, D.C., an estimated 30,000 marchers gathered in Lafayette Park across from the White House in what was expected to be the largest protest of the day, stretching for hours under a searing sun. Firefighters at one point misted the crowd to help people cool off.



AP
Protesters gather to demonstrate against President Donald Trump’s immigration policies during the Families Belong Together-Freedom for Immigrants March in downtown Los Angeles on Saturday, June 30, 2018.

Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of the musical “Hamilton,” sang a lullaby dedicated to parents unable to sing to their children. Singer-songwriter Alicia Keys read a letter written by a woman whose child had been taken away from her at the border.

“It’s upsetting. Families being separated, children in cages,” said Emilia Ramos, a cleaner in the district, fighting tears at the rally. “Seeing everyone together for this cause, it’s emotional.”

Around her, thousands waved signs: “I care,” some read, referencing a jacket that first lady Melania Trump wore when traveling to visit child migrants. The back of her jacket said, “I really don’t care, do U?” and it became a rallying cry for protesters Saturday.

“I care!! Do you?” read Joan Culwell’s T-shirt as she joined a rally in Denver.

“We care!” marchers shouted outside Dallas City Hall. Organizer Michelle Wentz says opposition to the Trump administration’s “barbaric and inhumane” policy has seemed to transcend political lines.

“This is the issue crossing the line for a lot of people,” said Robin Jackson, 51, of Los Angeles, who protested with thousands carrying flags, signs and babies.

Singer John Legend serenaded the crowd and Democratic politicians who have clashed with Trump had strong words for the president, including U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters who called for his impeachment.

The president took to Twitter amid the protests, first to show his support for Immigration and Customs Enforcement as some Democrats called for major changes to

the agency. Tweeting Saturday from New Jersey, Trump urged ICE agents to “not worry or lose your spirit” and wrote that “the radical left Dems want you out. Next it will be all police.”

He later tweeted that he never pushed House Republicans to vote for immigration overhaul measures that failed last week, contradicting a post three days ago in which he urged GOP congressional members to pass them.

In Trump’s hometown of New York City, another massive crowd poured across the Brooklyn Bridge in sweltering 90-degree heat, some carrying their children on their shoulders, chanting, “Shame!” Drivers honked their horns in support.

“It’s important for this administration to know that these policies that rip apart families — that treat people as less than human, like they’re vermin — are not the way of God, they are not the law of love,” said the Rev. Julie Hoplamazian, an Episcopal priest marching in Brooklyn.

Though seasoned anti-Trump demonstrators packed the rallies, others were new to activism, including parents who said they felt compelled to act after heart-wrenching accounts of families who were torn apart.

Marchers took to city parks and downtown squares from Maine to Florida to Oregon; in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico; on the international bridge between El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico; even in Antler, North Dakota, population 27. People braved the heat in Chicago and Atlanta to march.

Some of the demonstrations were boisterous, others were quiet.

Asia

Thai divers make little progress in murky cave search

MAE SAI, Thailand (AP)—Thai navy divers leading the search for 12 boys and their soccer coach in a cave have failed to make much headway in their effort to push through the murk of a kilometer- (half-

mile-) long chamber to what is believed to be a clear area leading to where the missing may be sheltering, officials said.

Sunday’s fresh reckoning came a day after a break in the constant rainfall had lowered

water levels, bringing hope that the muddy water inside the crucial but clogged chamber would recede and expedite divers’ movement forward.

The boys, aged 11 to 16, and their 25-year-old coach entered

the sprawling Tham Luang Nang Non cave in the northern province of Chiang Rai after a soccer game on June 23. There is hope they can survive if they have found a dry spot in which to shelter.

An announcement on the

Facebook page of the Thai navy SEAL unit shortly before midnight on Saturday said they had penetrated only about 200 meters (yards)—one fifth of the way forward in the crucial chamber, about as far as they

had made it much earlier in the search before being forced to retreat by rising waters.

An army commander, Maj. Gen. Bancha Duriyapat, said Sunday that authorities remain hopeful.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Communist rebels tell Philippine leader: No more talks

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine communist rebel leader said Thursday that the insurgents can no longer hold peace talks with President Rodrigo Duterte’s administration and that it is better to help oust him and negotiate with his successor. Jose Maria Sison said Duterte wants the guerrillas to surrender without addressing the social ills that have inflamed one of Asia’s longest communist rebellions. He criticized the president


for being “subservient to U.S. imperialism” and blamed him for the “traitorous sellout” of disputed South China Sea territories to China. After preliminary talks, both sides agreed to a new temporary cease-fire on June 21, with peace talks to resume on Thursday in Norway, which has been brokering the decades-long negotiations. But Duterte delayed the resumption indefinitely, antagonizing the guerrillas. “Based on the implications drawn from the current impasse,” the rebel front involved in the talks, the National Democratic Front

of the Philippines, “can no longer negotiate with a government of the Republic of the Philippines that is headed by Duterte,” Sison said.”

Overcrowded bus plunges into gorge in India, killing 30


LUCKNOW, India (AP)—Officials say at least 30 people have been killed when an overcrowded bus plunged off a mountain road into a gorge in northern India. Chief Minister of Uttarakhnad state Trivendra Rawat says the bus

skidded and fell into a 700-foot (213-meter) deep gorge. Rawat says about a dozen others are injured. Senior police official Sanjay Gunjyal says rescue work is being hampered by inclement weather. He says rescuers have so far pulled out 20 bodies. The bus was carrying daily commuters. India has the world’s deadliest roads, with more than 110,000 people killed annually. Most crashes are blamed on reckless driving, poorly maintained roads and aging vehicles.



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WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2017 CUC Water Quality Report is now available on-line! This year, we have a separate report for each island: Rota, Saipan, and Tinian. These reports contain important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

Please open the following web sites to view what contaminants were detected in your water during 2017 and to learn more about your drinking water.

For Rota, go to <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CCR-2017-Rota.pdf>

For Saipan, go to <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CCR-2017-Saipan.pdf>

For Tinian, go to <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CCR-2017-Tinian.pdf>

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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Repoodil yóomw 2017 CUC Ammwelil Schaal aa yoor online! Ráágh yeel, ai ayoora repoodngáli falúw kka: Luuta, Seipél, me Tchiliyól. E lo llól repood kkal arongorong ikka e impotanti reel milikka e toowow me ammwelil schaal iye ów ghal úlúmi.

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Ngáli Tchiliyól, mweteló reel <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CCR-2017-Tinian.pdf>

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RIPOT KUÁLIDÁT HÂNOM ESTA MANAGUAHA

Iyon-mu 2017 (Dos Mit Diesi Sietti) na Ripot nu i Kuálidát Hânom i CUC managuahayi pá'gu giya on-line! Pá'gu na sâkkan, in na'guahayi siparâo na ripot para kada' isla: Luta, Saipan, yan Tinian. Esti na ripot siha masaguaniniyi impottânti na infotmasion put i tutuhonña yan kuálidát put i Hânom ni un gigimin.


Put fabot baba i tinattiyi na web sites para un atan hâfa siha mankutchinu ni masodda' gi hâlum i hânom-mu gi durântin 2017 (Dos Mit Diesi Sietti) na sâkkan para un ke'tungu' mäs put i hânom ni un gigimin.

Para Luta, hânao para <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CCR-2017-Rota.pdf>

Para Saipan, hânao para <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CCR-2017-Saipan.pdf>

Para Tinian, hânao para <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CCR-2017-Tinian.pdf>

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-18-019

Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System



The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-18-019 - Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

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World

Fear turns into joy: Rescue boat saves 60 in Mediterranean

ABOARD THE OPEN ARMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA (AP)—The full moon was the only light as a terrified 9-year-old boy from Central African Republic climbed into a rubber dinghy held together with duct tape, risking death in the dark waters off Libya along with his parents and 57 other trafficked migrants.

After a long night on the Mediterranean Sea, a Spanish rescue boat spotted them on the horizon after dawn.

“People were screaming, I was afraid,” said the boy, Krisley Dokouada. “But after seeing the rescue boat, I knew there was no more danger.”

Their savior Saturday was the Open Arms, which became the third rescue ship run by humanitarian aid groups to draw the ire of Italy’s anti-migrant interior minister, Matteo Salvini. He has vowed that Italy’s new populist government will no longer allow such rescue boats to dock in Italy, which has taken in hundreds of thousands of migrants rescued at sea in the last few years.

Malta then angrily rebuffed Salvini’s claim that the tiny Mediterranean nation was closest to the rescue ship and should give it safe harbor.

By nightfall Saturday, Spain agreed to let the Open Arms dock in Barcelona, where the humanitarian aid group which operates the vessel, Proactiva Open Arms, is based, the Spanish government said.

The Open Arms and its companion ship, the Astral, will likely need four days to reach Barcelona, said the Astral’s captain, Riccardo Gatti.

Also on Saturday, in an un-

related rescue much further west of the central Mediterranean where the Open Arms rescue took place, Spanish authorities reported saving 63 migrants trying to reach the country’s southern coast from North Africa.

While European politicians bickered about where the migrants should go, those rescued by the Open Arms were jubilant — jumping, chanting and hugging their rescuers.

Krisley’s tensions melted when he was allowed to sit for a few minutes in the captain’s seat. With sparkling eyes, the only child among the migrants smiled shyly after the rescue crew called him “captain.”

For months, his family had lived in Libya, while they awaited their chance to make the Mediterranean crossing. His mother, Judith Dokouada, said she never left the shelter for fear of being kidnapped

or sold as a slave, a fate many African migrants have spoken of to human rights advocates.

“There is war at home. They kill people, they beat people, they rape women, they kill boys,” said Dokouada, 32. “We don’t have peace.”

She and her husband want to raise Krisley in a safer place. She expressed hope the family could apply for refugee status and settle in Spain.

Another of those rescued, Bitcha Honoree, said he knew the risk he was taking when he boarded the dinghy in the middle of the night.

The 39-year-old man from Cameroon said that he was sold twice as a slave, kidnapped and tortured in Libya while awaiting his chance to get aboard a smuggler’s boat. His brother sold his home in order to pay the ransom demanded by his captors in largely lawless Libya.

Mexico elections center on disgust with corruption, violence

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexicans vote Sunday in a potentially transformative election that could put in power a firebrand vowing to end politics and business as usual in a country weary of spiraling violence, unchecked corruption and scandal-plagued politicians.

But his rivals warn that a victory by leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador could set the country back decades with an interventionist economic policy and are also promising to fight corruption and bring change to Mexico. All the candidates are lambasting President Donald Trump’s policies against migrants and Mexico.

Sunday’s elections for posts at every level of government are Mexico’s largest ever and have become a referendum on corruption, graft and other tricks used to divert taxpayer money to officials’ pockets and empty those of the country’s poor.

This is Lopez Obrador’s third bid for the presidency and some see it as his best shot after 12 years of near-permanent campaigning. His railing against the “mafia of power” that has long ruled Mexico and in favor of the poor appears to be falling on receptive ears with polls showing him with a wide lead over three rivals who have failed to ignite voters’ interest.

“The corrupt regime is coming to its end,” Lopez Obrador, a 64-year-old commonly known as AMLO, said at his final campaign event Wednesday. “We represent modernity forged from below.”

Much of the popular ire has been aimed at unpopular President Enrique Pena Nieto’s Institutional Revolutionary Party. Its candidate, Jose Antonio Meade, failed to gain traction with voters who would not give him the benefit of the doubt in spite of his ample resume in government and being an outsider to the ruling party.

Ricardo Anaya is the candidate of a right-left coalition. He has tried to harness the youth vote with an emphasis on technology and new ideas, but he divided his own conservative party to take its candidacy and it’s unclear if his new allies in the leftist Democratic Revolution Party will actually turn out for someone from the other end of the ideological spectrum.

Sunday is the first time that an independent candidate appears on the ballot.

Jaime “El Bronco” Rodriguez fought for attention with a horse-mounted “everyman” campaign and by tossing out policy bombs like his proposal to cut off the hands of public officials caught stealing. Without the big party machinery it was an uphill battle.

But “independent candidates are here to stay in Mexico,” Janine Otalora Malassis, president of the electoral court, said on Friday.

In Celebration of His New Life

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Parents in Law: †Santiago Acosta Camacho and †Carmen Sablan Dela Cruz Camacho

Brother: †Edwin Jesse Matagolai Pangelinan

Brother In-law: †Joseph Dela Cruz Camacho
†Richard Anthony Dela Cruz Camacho
†Eulogio Manalo King

His memories will live forever in the hearts of his:

Wife: Ruth Camacho Pangelinan

Children: Carriecarmen C. Pangelinan
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Children at Heart: Patricia “Patty” B. Sablan
Sandy Wayne C. Borja

Brothers/Sisters & Spouses:
Martin C. Duenas / Eleonita Santos & Family
Marialisa C. Duenas & Family
Arlene M. Pangelinan & Family
Ludy S. Pangelinan
Vivian Elaine M. Pangelinan
Melvin M. Pangelinan

Brother In-law & Sister In-law:
Gabriel DLC. & Frances Tenorio Camacho & Family
Martha Cabrera Camacho & Family
Francisco DLC. Camacho & Mazie Sn Taitano & Family
Patricia DLC. Camacho & Jose P. Villagomez & Family
Edward DLC. & Elizabeth Gonzales Camacho & Family
Martin DLC. & Raynita Lizama Camacho & Family
Cynthia Reyes Camacho & Family
Lydia Camacho King & Family
Gernadine DLC. Camacho

He will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of his soul is being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church every 6:00 am.

His remains will be arriving from Honolulu, Hawaii on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 8:00 am

Funeral Services will be announced at a later date.

Please join us in prayers.

Ruth Camacho Pangelinan, Children and Family

Focus

Slain newspaper employees noted for talent, warmth, wit



This photo combination shows the victims of the shooting in the newsroom of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Md., on Thursday, June 28, 2018. From left, John McNamara, Wendi Winters, Rob Hiaasen, Gerald Fischman and Rebecca Smith. AP

By **DAVID McFADDEN** and
BEN FINLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family and colleagues remember the five people killed in a Maryland newspaper shooting as dedicated members of the community. The employees killed Thursday at the Annapolis paper were Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiaasen, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters. Jarrod W. Ramos, 38, has been charged with five counts of murder in one of the deadliest attacks on journalists in U.S. history.

GERALD FISCHMAN

Former colleagues of Gerald Fischman, the editorial page editor at the Capital Gazette, roundly described the veteran journalist as reserved, precise and exceptionally talented.

"Gerald was the most brilliant editorial writer I've ever known," said Dan Casey, a former reporter at the paper who is now a columnist at The Roanoke Times.

Fischman, who won annual awards for his editorial writing like clockwork, was socially awkward but in an "endearing" way, Casey said.

Steve Gunn, a former editor of the paper, said Fischman was "the master of AP style" who "made sure everything was just right."

"He was famous for working long days and being very precise in his language and always making sure the editorial page reflected the heart of the newspaper," Gunn said.

Fischman had worked at the paper since 1992.

Politicians who encountered Fischman told the Baltimore Sun he was impressive and capable of putting them on guard.

"When I sat for my endorsement interviews in 2010, he made it clear to me it was to

be earned and by no means was guaranteed," former two-term Anne Arundel County Councilman Jamie Benoit told the newspaper. "He asked tough questions and exposed every weakness in my legislative record. He treated council races like they were presidential races."

ROB HIAASEN

Assistant managing editor Rob Hiaasen's family is "devastated" by his death, said his brother, author Carl Hiaasen.

In a brief phone call with The Associated Press, prolific novelist and a longtime Miami Herald columnist Carl Hiaasen said his family "was devastated beyond words" by the senseless killing of his brother, who was 59.

"He was the most remarkable person. So gifted and talented and dedicated to journalism," he said, his voice choked with emotion.

Saying he was too wracked with grief to speak further, Hiaasen referred an AP reporter to something he had just posted to his Facebook page, describing Rob as one of the most "gentle and funny people I've ever known."

Gunn, the former Capital Gazette editor, said Rob Hiaasen was a "gifted editor who had an aura of a artist around him who made people want to make journalism a beautiful craft."

Another fellow journalist, Jan Winburn, who had worked with Hiaasen for a decade, said he had a true passion for the craft. "His heart was always in it—every story, every line and every word," she wrote on his Facebook page.

Nicknamed "Big Rob" because of his height and spirit, he was widely known for his generosity and mentoring relationship with younger reporters.

Hiaasen had just celebrated his 33rd wedding anniversary with his wife, Maria, whose

birthday was Thursday, the day of the deadly attack.

JOHN McNAMARA

John McNamara was a longtime employee of the newspaper who had worked as a sports writer and copy editor and moved more recently to a weekly publication, the Bowie Blade-News, colleague David Broughton said.

Broughton, the paper's sports editor, said he had worked with McNamara since 1994 and sat in a neighboring cubicle.

"I could hear his conversations (at the newspaper)," said Broughton. "He was just a really thoughtful guy and a very intellectual guy. He could have an intelligent conversation about anything, whether it was politics or travel or English literature."

The paper's newsroom was full of plenty of "misfits in one way or another," but McNamara didn't fall into that category, Casey said. Instead, he was a personable, approachable nice guy with an "encyclopedic knowledge" of sports and music.

McNamara was an avid basketball player with a self-deprecating sense of humor and bellowing laugh who had married his college sweetheart, according to Broughton.

"He often said that marrying her was his greatest accomplishment," Broughton said.

REBECCA SMITH

Rebecca Smith, a recently hired sales assistant at the Capital Gazette, was a caring, upbeat person who adored her fiancé and his young daughter, friend Carolyn Dedmon said.

Smith's fiancé recently joined a softball team Dedmon's husband coaches, and she quickly became part of the softball family, Dedmon said.

Smith called herself a "bonus mom" to her fiancé's daughter



Mourners stand in silence during a vigil in response to a shooting at the Capital Gazette newsroom, Friday, June 29, 2018, in Annapolis, Md. Prosecutors say 38-year-old Jarrod W. Ramos opened fire Thursday in the newsroom. AP

and loved taking her to softball games and having game nights at home, Dedmon said.

"Everything was always about Raleigh and making her happy and spending as much time as possible with her," she said.

Smith's boss, Capital Gazette advertising director Marty Padden, described her as a thoughtful person who made sure the sales office ran smoothly.

"She was kind and considerate, and willing to help when needed. She seemed to really enjoy to be working in the media business," Padden told The Sun.

Dedmon said Smith was dealing with severe endometriosis but never let it get her down.

"She always went to work, did what she had to do. She was never sad," Dedmon said.

WENDI WINTERS

Special publications editor Wendi Winters was "the heart of the newspaper," Gunn said.

Winters was passionate about serving the community and was a role model for young jour-

nalists, he recalled.

"She was in many ways the best part of the newspaper in that she cared so much about the city," he said.

The 65-year-old moved to Maryland about 20 years ago after a career in fashion and public relations in New York.

She had a flair for writing features and let her "quirky and fun" personality shine through in her work, according to Susan O'Brien, spokeswoman for the city of Annapolis.

"She always seemed to be smiling. She was just a very pleasant person. It's just unbelievable to think she's no longer here," O'Brien said.

Winters was the beloved mother of four children, all young adults. The oldest, 29-year-old Winters Geimer, said her mother's personality matched her red hair and 6-foot frame.

"She was larger than life," Geimer said Friday after a vigil at her mother's Annapolis church. "She was a hard person to miss."

Geimer said her mother

worked as a publicist in New York before starting to freelance at the Annapolis newspaper nearly 20 years ago. She also had been a stay-at-home mother who loved to make homemade clothes and Halloween costumes for her children.

"My mother loved to write and to create," she said. "She was a multitasking artist."

Winters was a congregation member at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, where dozens of mourners gathered Friday to grieve and pay tribute to her and her slain colleagues.

Some congregation members laughed through tears as they shared stories about her. Dr. L.E. Gomez said Winters was, like him, a New York native and had a sarcastic, opinionated, irreverent manner. He loved their frequent discussions about local politics even though they often disagreed.

"Wendi made me feel at home," he said. "It didn't matter what we were talking about. It was the way she communicated with people."

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Take the first step to becoming a runner

By **EDWARD M. EVELD**
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Running partners Tere Gathright, left, and Annie Schroeder meet for a running training session.

Birthdays are motivators. Last March, Tere Gathright was staring at 32. She had an unkind thought about herself.

"I'm overweight and bored," the thought went. "I need a hobby. What better birthday present than to do something for me?"

She glanced back and forth between her 1-year-old and 5-year-old. As much as she loved her daughters, the "something" she had in mind would not involve small children tugging at her. She was intrigued by a flier she had seen about a six-week, walk-run training program.

The Merriam, Kan., woman had exercised and dieted off and on but never stuck with anything. She tried to recruit friends to join her in the training session but had no takers.

She went anyway.

This story doesn't end with Gathright transformed into an ultra-marathoner, at least not yet. But she finished the six-week session and alternately walked and ran through her first race, the Mother's Day 5K at Corporate Woods in Overland Park, Kan.

Now she runs that three-mile distance several times a week, with longer runs on Saturdays. Plus, she has lost 20 pounds.

Plus, she found Annie Schroeder.

Schroeder was 21, single and with no children, and she had been diagnosed with fibromyalgia a year earlier. The two were not in the same place in life.

Doctors had advised Schroeder to steer clear of exercise that would aggravate her joints. She already had had surgery on both ankles. But the restriction didn't sit well with her.

"I was sick of people telling me, 'You can't.'"

So Schroeder joined weekly group runs with KC Express, a women's running and walking group, and fell into pace with Gathright, fresh off her Mother's Day Run success.

They struck up conversations during longer runs—they both liked to bake, Schroeder was a nanny and preschool teacher—that led to a running partnership and a new friendship.

"You're three miles out and have to run three miles back, and you feel like you can't take another step," Gathright said,

recalling those early days. "It was a lot of fun trying to keep each other motivated."

Gathright ran her first 10K last September, and Schroeder ran her first half-marathon, about 13 miles, last October.

"It's amazing how much emotion comes out at the finish line," said Schroeder, who admitted she cried and hugged folks she barely knew.

"Big hugs," she said. "It was a blast."

Kelly Pfannenstiel, past president of KC Express, which hosts the Mother's Day 5K, said its relatively simple goal of the 5K has launched many a runner, and for good reasons. Some runners get fit with that distance and stick with it. Others want to try for 10Ks and beyond.

"It's an ideal distance," she said. "It's doable for just about anyone, any age, any weight. That's actually how I got into running."

And finding a person to run with can make a big difference.

"We call them BRFs, best running friends," agreed Dimity McDowell, author with Sarah Bowen Shea of the just-published "Train Like a Mother." "I think they're as important as a supportive sports bra and a good pair of shoes."

Three chief reasons: accountability, companionship and encouragement.

"If you know your running friend is waiting on the corner, you're going to get out of bed for that run," said McDowell, who lives in Denver. "Running provides that time for you to complain, to gossip, to catch up. You come home feeling so much better."

Whether it's three miles or 26, she said, there are highs and lows, and you will appreciate someone saying, "you got this" and "just a rough patch."

The accomplishment of gearing up for and completing a race shouldn't be downplayed, McDowell said. So few things in life are black and white: Where's the finish line, she said, when it comes to laundry or keeping the house clean or, much of the time, at the workplace?

"A race is really crisp," McDowell said. "When you cross that finish line, you've done it. And it's so achievable."

Schroeder is now busy launching a baking business called

Divine Desserts. Far from worsening her health symptoms, "running is what's keeping me going."

For Gathright, who wasn't sure she could juggle family and a "hobby," running is now part of the family dynamics. Her husband starting running in November, and her girls seem to sense when Mom has missed a workout: "They'll say, 'Are you going for a run?' And I'll say, 'I guess I better.'"

"You start out just wanting to do 'something,' and amazing things happen."

TRAIN FOR A 5K

If you're new to running, best to ease into it. Start by walking, then walk faster, then alternate walking and running.

Shawnee Mission Medical Center has a six-week training session starting Tuesday. Go to mothersdayrun.com. Suggested training schedules for the UMKC School of Medicine 5K, a Hospital Hill Run event on June 2, are at hospitalhillrun.com. The Runner's Edge offers programs with coach Eladio Valdez III. Go to runnersedgekc.com.

Not a joiner? Here's a training plan suggested by KC Express, a running and walking club for women. With this schedule, women who participate in the Mother's Day 5K, a women-only event, could be ready in six weeks to run more than 75 percent of the race.

Each week, perform the exercise on Days 1, 3 and 5. Have one complete rest day. The other two days can be rest days or, even better, days with other types of workouts.

Week 1: Walk 30 minutes.

Week 2: Run 30 seconds, walk 90 seconds. Repeat 20 times.

Week 3: Run 60 seconds, walk 60 seconds. Repeat 15 times.

Week 4: Run 90 seconds, walk 90 seconds. Repeat 10 times.

Week 5: Run two minutes, walk one minute. Repeat six times.

Week 6: Run four minutes, walk one minute. Repeat six times.

Week 7: Run six minutes, walk one minute. Repeat five times.

Week 8: Run eight minutes, walk one minute. Repeat four times.

Week 9: Run 10 minutes, walk one minute. Repeat three times.

Week 10: Run 12 minutes, walk one minute. Repeat two times.

Week 11: Run 15 minutes, walk one minute. Repeat two times.

Week 12: Run 30 minutes.

Life & Style

Amid public triumph, private turmoil for Marvel's Stan Lee

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It has been another epic year for characters Stan Lee helped create, with “Black Panther” and “Avengers: Infinity War” earning more than \$3 billion combined globally and “Ant-Man and the Wasp” still to open next week, all three featuring the clever cameos beloved by devoted fans of the Marvel Comics mastermind.

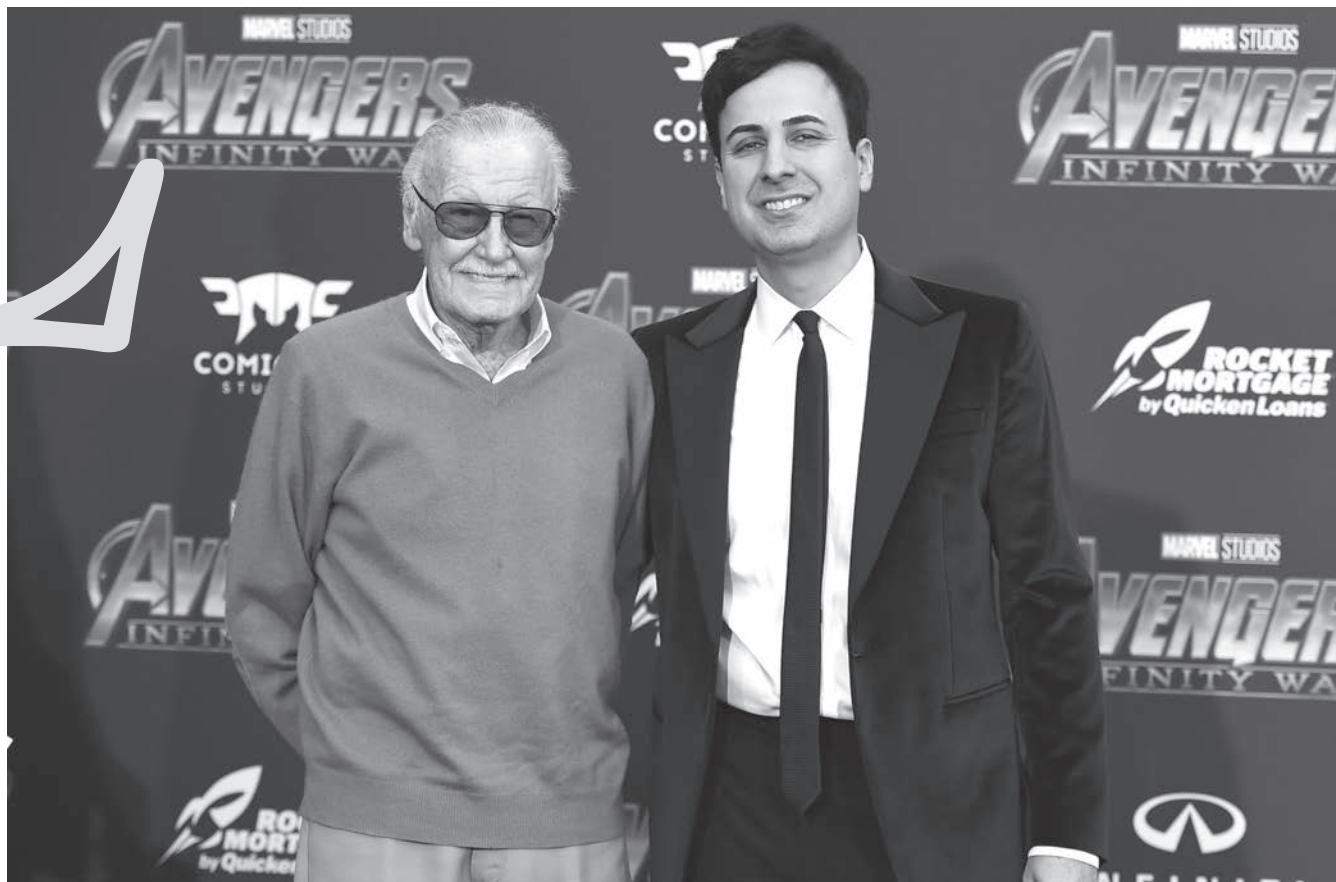
But for Lee himself, the past year has been tough and tumultuous. After the death last July of Joan, his wife of 69 years and partner in all things, the 95-year-old has found himself in the middle of a fight over his finances and legacy that has led to lawsuits, a restraining order and a police investigation of elder abuse.

His exact circumstances may be unique, but Lee's status as a celebrity in declining mental health and vulnerable to exploitation has many precedents and may become increasingly common as a wave of wealthy baby boomers reaches old age.

Into the void left behind by Joan Lee poured many acquaintances seeking a part of her popular and accommodating husband, and holdings his lawyer estimates are worth between \$50 million to \$70 million.

Probate attorney Troy Martin, who has worked on the cases of many late-in-life celebrities, including Casey Kasem, said Lee's circumstances made him a compelling target.

“He's going through the



In this April 23, 2018 file photo, Stan Lee, left, and Keya Morgan arrive at the world premiere of “Avengers: Infinity War” in Los Angeles. AP

grief of a wife he relied upon. He's always had the reputation for being a people pleaser, and you add his grief to, at 95, some cognitive difficulties, it makes him vulnerable,” said Martin, who is not involved in Lee's case.

Key to Lee's situation is his only child, 68-year-old Joan Celia “JC” Lee, who has been dependent her entire life on her father, according to a sworn declaration signed by Lee in February that was drafted by attorney Tom Lallas.

Several “bad actors with

bad intentions ... have insinuated themselves into relationships with JC ... to try to take advantage of me to gain control of my assets, property and money,” the declaration said.

Lallas was fired after drafting the declaration, and many of Lee's longtime employees have been dismissed, according to a February story in The Hollywood Reporter.

One of the “bad actors” named in the document, Keya Morgan, a memorabilia dealer and Marilyn Monroe aficionado, appeared to gain control

over Lee's life and affairs for the next several months. Morgan has vehemently denied that he has had any intentions other than helping Lee.

During that time, two lawsuits were filed seeking millions from Lee's past business partners.

On May 30, Morgan left Lee's side briefly and returned to find that he was shut out as detectives and a social worker interviewed Lee to investigate elder abuse.

Morgan called 911 to report the authorities as burglars,

which led to his arrest and jailing on suspicion of reporting a false emergency.

Lallas returned and was granted an elder abuse restraining order against Morgan June 13. He wrote in the filing that Lee has shown severe impairment with his hearing, vision, short-term memory and judgment.

It's unclear who currently surrounds Lee and is managing his affairs. A series of court hearings for Morgan next week on the false emergency charges, a probation viola-

tion on an unrelated case that his arrest triggered, and the restraining order, may bring clarity.

Morgan, 42, did not respond to multiple emails seeking comment, and his cell phone has not been accepting messages for weeks.

But shortly after the restraining order, he tweeted :

“For over 10 years I have shown nothing but love, respect & kindness to Stan Lee, & his wife, a fact he has repeated countless times. I have NEVER EVER abused my dear friend. Everything you read in the #FakeNews is pure malicious lies & I will 100 percent prove it.”

Lallas and a lawyer representing JC Lee did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Morgan's restraining order does not allege he engaged in physical abuse of Lee, but that he isolated him from associates, friends and relatives, which is considered a form of elder abuse.

“Isolation is the No. 1 red flag for abuse,” said Kerri Kasem, who has become an advocate for the elderly and their adult children after having to fight to see her father, Casey Kasem, before his 2014 death. “Because when you take your victim and you isolate them, you can then abuse them physically, financially, emotionally, sexually.”

Lee finds himself in a late-in-life limbo that other celebrities, including Mickey Rooney and Peter Falk, have faced.

Month after diss track, Drake emerges unfazed with new album

NEW YORK (AP)—A month ago, Drake's world was crumbling.

Now, he's untouchable.

Pusha T's infamous diss track—where he was in full investigative journalist mode, divulging new information about Drake while also shading his mother, father and bestie—hit Drake hard. Drake's reply—well, lack thereof, marked a low for the rapper-singer, who had surprised music fans when he won his rap beef with Meek Mill in 2015.

But Drake, who has been criticized by some as too commercial and too soft, is back on top seemingly unfazed. And those fans who enjoyed the revelations in Pusha T's “The Story of Adidon” are likely listening to “Scorpion,” the highly anticipated, 25-track album by pop music's No. 1 player released Friday.

“It's not going to hurt him,” Carl Chery, Spotify's creative

Drake's ‘Scorpion’ stings streaming competition

NEW YORK (AP)—Drake's “Scorpion” has set a record for most one-day streams for an album on Apple Music.

The streaming platform says the album has logged more than 170 million

streams worldwide since its release Friday, more than doubling Drake's prior one-day record on Apple Music with last year's “More Life.”

The 25-track “Scorpion” includes the No. 1 hits “Nice for What” and “God's Plan.”

Over the last few weeks,

streams worldwide since its release Friday, more than doubling Drake's prior one-day record on Apple Music with last year's “More Life.”

The album is expected to debut at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart.

Pusha T started the beef with a line in his recently re-

leased album “Daytona,” and Drake responded with a whole track of digs in the song “Duppy Freestyle.” It seemed he won the battle until Pusha T released his track—and Drake went silent.

Damien Scott, Complex's editor-in-chief and vice president of content and development, said that he thought Drake might have gone back in the studio to re-record “Scorpion” following Pusha T's shocking revelation that Drake was a father (“A baby's involved, it's deeper than rap/ We talkin' character, let me

keep with the facts/You are hiding a child, let that boy come home”).

“I think that the diss had an effect on him personally and as an artist,” said Scott, who said the song wouldn't put a dent in Drake's professional career. “He's never been in this space before. He's never been on his left foot before and I don't think he knows what that's like.”

Scott may have been right. For the first time Drake addresses his son in a song, rapping on “Emotionless”: “I wasn't hiding my kid from the world, I was hiding the world from my kid.” On the closing track “March 14,” he raps about being a single father and says: “She's not my lover like Billie Jean, but the kid is mine.”

For another artist, a diss track so heavy might have hurt their career—but not for Drake.

“He can still put this (album) out and get so much love in the midst of all of this other drama that's happening,” said

Cori Murray, entertainment director at Essence magazine. “He's still beloved.”

The Grammy winner has been on a white-hot streak since he jumped from the acting world onto the music scene as both a rapper and singer in 2009, releasing hit after hit, multiplatinum albums and collaborations with everyone from Rihanna to Romeo Santos. His sound has evolved over the years to incorporate not just rap and R&B but pop, dancehall and African music.

“I call Drake the No. 1 pop star because of the type of music he makes. And I don't mean that in a derogatory sense. I legitimately think he's pop music in the way that Michael Jackson and Madonna were pop music, in the sense that they take all these influences and all these genres and use themselves as a filter through which they're distilled into something brand new,” Scott said.

Murray agreed.

Andy Samberg supports Terry Crews, 50 Cent explains LOL post

Andy Samberg says he and others who appear on "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" are in awe of fellow cast member Terry Crews after the ex-football player's testimony to U.S. senators earlier this week about sexual assault.

Support for the actor hasn't been universal. Rapper 50 Cent mocked Crews' testimony and was excoriated on social media.

Crews testified Tuesday in Washington before the Senate Judiciary Committee about

Part owner of Marvin Gaye song sues Ed Sheeran over hit song

NEW YORK (AP)—A part owner of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On" is suing Ed Sheeran for \$100 million after getting blocked from a similar lawsuit brought by other copyright owners.

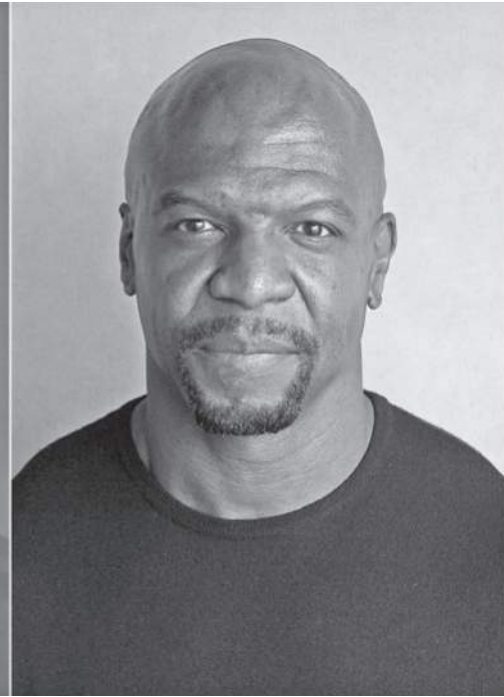
Both lawsuits say the British songwriter copied parts of the soul classic for his Grammy-winning hit "Thinking Out Loud."

A lawyer for Structured Asset Sales said the new lawsuit's Thursday filing

was necessary because a judge refused to let the company join a 2016 lawsuit by the family of a co-writer of Gaye's song.

That lawsuit, which is still pending in Manhattan federal court, seeks unspecified damages.

A lawyer for Sheeran and other defendants said in a letter to the judge in the original lawsuit that he will seek to have both lawsuits tossed out. He said they were baseless.



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This combination photo shows Andy Samberg at the 68th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on Sept. 18, 2016, left, and Terry Crews during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah on Jan. 21, 2018.

"Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation."

"He's a miracle. Terry's the best guy," Samberg said. "I am proud to know him."

Los Angeles prosecutors declined to file charges against the agent, stating the groping didn't meet the criteria for a felony and that the February 2016 incident fell outside the statute of limitations to prosecute it as a misdemeanor.

In a now-deleted post on Instagram, 50 Cent mocked Crews' testimony. "LOL ... Terry: I froze in fear. They would have had to take me to jail. ..."

being groped at a party by a powerful Hollywood agent he is now suing. Sen. Dianne Feinstein asked the actor, comedian and former athlete why he didn't physically

fight back. Crews explained that with the help of his wife, Rebecca, he has learned the benefits of non-violence in America, especially as a black man.

"We have a cast text chain and we were all texting him how incredible it was," Samberg said Thursday of Crews' testimony at a media appearance promoting his new film,

All aboard Hello Kitty: Pink bullet train debuts in Japan

TOKYO (AP)—A Hello Kitty-themed "shinkansen" bullet train has debuted in Japan. Adorned with the cartoon icon inside and out, it's a dream ride for fans of the internationally popular character.

The special shinkansen had its inaugural round trip Saturday between Osaka and Fukuoka, connecting Japan's west and south. It will run through September.

The stylish, eight-car train is painted pink and white, showcasing Hello Kitty images and trademark ribbons from flooring to seat covers and windows.

In one car, a life-size Hello Kitty doll donning a train crew uniform and a hat—decorated

with a pink bow, of course—greet passengers, offering a chance for selfies.

Hours later Saturday in Osaka, the train's final stop, hundreds of fans waited for the arrival of the first Hello Kitty shinkansen, cheering and taking photos during its 16-minute stopover before it headed back to Fukuoka, according to Japanese media reports.

Hello Kitty, created in 1974 by the Japanese company Sanrio Co., is a global icon with fans of all ages.

After more than 40 years in the market, the round-faced feline with no mouth is still seen everywhere, on stationery and towels to jewelry and even furniture.

Tina Fey joins Broadway stars for a concert to aid migrants

NEW YORK (AP)—Tina Fey is joining some of Broadway's biggest stars—including Audra McDonald, Idina Menzel and Chita Rivera—for a concert being livestreamed Saturday to benefit migrants on the Mexican border.

It's being organized by Seth Rudetsky and James Wesley, who were prompted to act after seeing photos of children separated from their families. They began texting as many stars as they could think of.

"Seeing the images, we were really depressed," Wesley said Friday. "It was so overwhelming. What do you do? All we can do is put on a show and hopefully educate people."

The concert is set for 5 p.m.



AP
This combination photo shows Chita Rivera, left, and Tina Fey at the 72nd annual Tony Awards in New York on June 10, 2018.

EDT at The Cooper Union in downtown New York City. It will be broadcast via Facebook Live and at ConcertsforAmerica.com.

The lineup also will feature Brian Stokes Mitchell, Norm Lewis, Matt Bomer, Jorge Avila, Mandy Gonzalez, Jeremy Jordan, Olga Merediz,

Andrew Rannells, Keala Settle, Shaina Taub and Patrick Wilson.

Highlights will include Rivera singing "America" from "West Side Story" and the reuniting of McDonald and Mitchell for "Wheels of a Dream" from the musical "Ragtime." Settle is flying into New York specifically to perform "This Is Me" from the film "The Greatest Showman."

The late-afternoon timing of the concert will allow current Broadway stars like Rannells, Bomer and Gonzalez to attend the concert between their two Saturday shows. Immigrant-rights rallies across the country are also expected on Saturday.

Teens are kept in the dark about dad's office affair

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 20 years has blindsided me by announcing he's leaving. Come to find out he's "in love" with a co-worker and thinks they are soul mates. Our close friends and family know about the affair (and are dismayed), but our teenaged kids don't. He told them we simply grew apart.

His suddenly leaving with no attempt to work on the marriage sends a confusing message. Is it best the kids don't know about her, or will it hurt them more if they find out later? How do I talk to them about the commitment of marriage without criticizing him, and does that include protecting his lie?

CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFUSED: Your children are teenagers. Teenagers today are very wise in the ways of the world. They are also observant; when they visit their father at his place, they will draw their own conclusions.

As to talking to them about the commitment of marriage, refrain from doing it when you are emotional, and leave out any reference to their father and his "soul mate" unless they bring it up. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I'm talking with a guy who's in prison. He has eight months before he gets out. Do you think it's wrong for me to keep talking with him? Is it wrong to date someone in prison?

I go visit him. He wants to marry me when he gets out. He talks about how God has changed his life since he's been in prison.

WONDERING IN THE EAST

DEAR WONDERING: While it is possible to write to, talk to and visit someone who is in prison, it is not possible to "date" someone who is locked behind bars. While it is not wrong to talk to him, please understand that when he is released, his circumstances will be different.

Rather than talking about marriage at this point, he should be thinking about how he will find a job and reintegrate himself into the real world. You should not jump into a lifetime commitment with him until he has done that. God may have changed his life while he has been in prison, but that doesn't mean the task is done. He will have to continue to work on changing his life himself.

DEAR ABBY: Every year in my neighborhood, "lost dog" signs appear the day after the Fourth of July. Would you please print a reminder to dog owners that noise from fireworks can cause pets to become so frightened they bolt from home and become lost. Keep your pets inside anytime you can hear fireworks.

On the Fourth, which is noisy all day, when my dogs have to go out, I go out WITH them (even though I have a fenced

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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yard). I want to be able to see them every second. Better safe than sorry.

PET LOVER IN BARNHART, MISSOURI

DEAR PET LOVER: I'm sure my readers will be grateful for your timely reminder. And while we're on the subject of lost pets, this would be a good time to ensure that your dog (or cat) is properly identified with a microchip or ID tag in case it does manage to get away from you.

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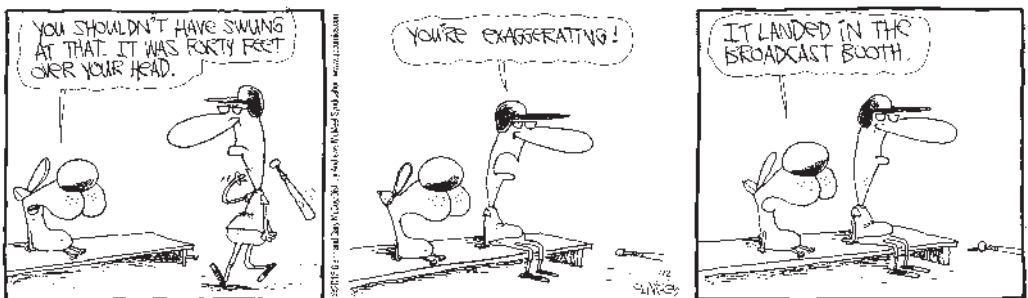
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14 Blackbird
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18 Beer barrel
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26 Mermaid's home
28 Mirror fogger
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35 Actress Falco
36 '50s Ford
38 Shelter
40 Hostel

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11 Regimen

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Last Friday's Answer 07-02

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Margot Robbie, 28; Alex Morgan, 29; Ashley Tisdale, 33; Larry David, 71.

Happy Birthday: Trust in what you know, not who you know. This is a year of opportunity, and if you don't step out of your comfort zone and show off what you have to offer, you'll have regrets. Do your own thing and see what you can do to make positive changes in the way you live and how you move forward. Your numbers are 2, 16, 20, 27, 36, 38, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your personal preferences first. Spend time with someone you love or engage in activities that involve youngsters. Express your feelings, and make suggestions that are progressive and forward-thinking. The help you offer will be appreciated. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Inconsistency will be a problem. Don't jump to conclusions or act impulsively. Search for the truth and the facts; go directly to the source to verify the information you have gathered. There is no room for error. Choose wisely. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Change begins within. Before you try to alter everything and everyone around you, put yourself under a magnifying glass and take a closer look at the possibilities. Strive to be your best mentally, physically and emotionally. Romance is in the stars. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for answers if you feel uncertain about something or someone. Ask questions

and discuss matters that concern you. Open up; you'll discover something about yourself that will change the dynamics of your relationship with others. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful what you wish for. Start small and work your way up, and you'll reach the goals and achievements you desire. Taking it one day at a time and considering those around you will make your journey worthwhile. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Observe your target and execute your plans. Know what you want, and take pride in the way you proceed. Every step you take is as important as the next. It's up to you to maintain consistency and integrity. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Bypass negativity and people who tend to hold you back or bring you down. Your success will come from following through, not just thinking about what you want or what you are supposed to do. Trust in your ability to succeed. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Express your needs at home, and you will bring about a welcome change to the way you run your household and how well you get along with the people you live with. Don't be afraid to be different. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trust in what you know, not what someone tells you. Emotional deception is apparent. It's important to follow your instincts. Focus on personal change, truth, self-improvement and spiritual growth. Value your beliefs and standards. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stand up for your rights and the rights of those who cannot speak for themselves. Your input will make a difference and bring about the change that needs to happen in order for you to build the life you want to live. ****



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let the fire within you shine brightly. Your power is within yourself, not in following someone who tempts you to head in a direction that may be easier than doing your own thing. Romance will ease uncertainty and stress. ***



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Express your thoughts. The way you word what you want to see happen will strike a chord with people who can help make a difference. Engage in events that speak to you and your beliefs; it will change your life. ***

Birthday Baby: You are heartfelt, loving and compassionate. You are sensitive and creative.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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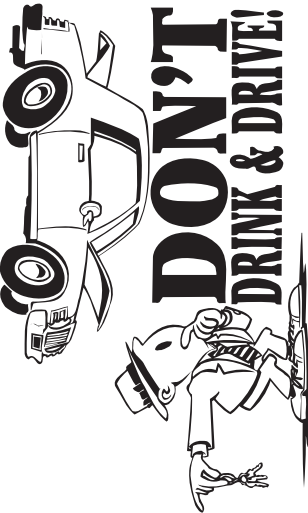
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Sale pitches 7 stellar innings, Red Sox rout Yankees



NEW YORK

(AP)— Chris Sale pitched his latest Bronx gem, Rafael Devers went 5 for 5 with a first-inning grand slam and the Boston Red Sox held the New York Yankees to two hits during an 11-0 rout Saturday night to take back baseball's best record.

Sale (8-4) allowed only Giancarlo Stanton's clean single over seven innings, striking out 11. He has a 1.73 career ERA against the Yankees, best among pitchers with at least 10 starts against them since 1920. His ERA at Yankee Stadium is 1.86, second only to Seattle's Felix Hernandez among pitchers with five starts.

Boston is a major league-leading 56-28, just ahead of the Yankees at 53-27. New York held the majors' best mark by percentage points after winning Friday's series opener 8-1.

Yankee Stadium hosted a season-high sellout of 47,125, and the crowd gave starter Sonny Gray (5-6) an earful after he gave up six runs in 2 1/3 innings. The right-hander dropped to 0-4 with a 9.35 ERA against Boston since being acquired by New York from Oakland last season.

Rangers 13, White Sox 4

In Arlington, Bartolo Colon overcame a sluggish start to earn his 245th major league win and match Dennis Martinez for the most by a pitcher from Latin America when Texas beat Chicago.

Joey Gallo and Ryan Rua homered for the Rangers, who won for the 11th time in 13 games and clinched their fifth consecutive series. Robinson Chirinos hit a three-run double in the fourth inning that put Texas ahead to stay.

Giants 7, Diamondbacks 0

In Phoenix, Dereck Rodriguez



AP
Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale delivers against the New York Yankees during the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, June 30, 2018, in New York.

blanked the Diamondbacks into the seventh inning and San Francisco made it two wins in a row at Arizona.

Brandon Crawford, Andrew McCutchen and Joe Panik homered on another rough night for Shelby Miller (0-2).

Mariners 6, Royals 4

In Seattle, Ryon Healy had four hits, including a homer, and drove in three runs to lead Seattle over Kansas City.

Felix Hernandez (8-6) gave up four consecutive hits, including a three-run homer by Mike Moustakas, to start the game.

Padres 4, Pirates 3

In San Diego, Wil Myers homered, doubled and drove in three runs, and rookie Joey Lucchesi threw five scoreless innings to send San Diego past Pittsburgh.

The Padres had to hold on after closer Brad Hand allowed two runs in the ninth before earning his 23rd save.

Blue Jays 4, Tigers 3

In Toronto, Justin Smoak led off the bottom of the ninth inning with a home run and Toronto handed Detroit its 11th straight loss.

Smoak connected against reliever Joe Jimenez (3-1) for his 11th homer of the season.

Rays 5, Astros 2

In St. Petersburg, Wilson Ramos drove in four runs in the first two innings against Justin Verlander, and Tampa Bay won for the seventh time in eight games.

Matt Duffy finished with three hits, including two in the first two innings, to help the Rays move to .500 (41-41) for the first time since June 1.

Phillies 3, Nationals 2

In Philadelphia, Hit on his pitching arm by a line drive, Phillies right-hander Vince Velasquez made a dazzling throw with his left hand, and Philadelphia overcame an injury to its starting pitcher to

beat Washington.

Velasquez was struck in the forearm by Adam Eaton's liner in the second inning.

Rockies 3, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, German Marquez pitched two-hit ball over eight innings and Ian Desmond homered to help Colorado beat Los Angeles.

Marquez (6-8) retired his first 15 batters before Enrique Hernandez connected for a home run off the left-field foul pole leading off the sixth.

Marlins 5, Mets 2

In Miami, Brian Anderson hit a two-run homer off Jacob deGrom and Miami climbed out of last place in the NL East.

For the second game in a row, a Marlins pitcher beat the Mets while making his first major league start.

Cubs 14, Twins 9

In Chicago, Minnesota's Edie Rosario, Bobby Wilson and Max Kepler all left early

because of heat illness on a scorching afternoon at Wrigley Field in the Cubs' win.

Rosario homered in the top of the fifth inning, then was pulled from left field shortly after fielding a hit by Anthony Rizzo in the bottom half.

Athletics 7, Indians 2

In Oakland, Journeyman Edwin Jackson earned his first win with Oakland, pitching neatly into the seventh inning as the Athletics got their season-high sixth straight victory.

Matt Olson, Dustin Fowler and Josh Phegley homered to help the A's win for the 12th time in 14 games.

Angels 6, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Albert Pujols' RBI double highlighted a five-run eighth inning and Los Angeles handed Baltimore its seventh straight loss.

Playing their 3,000th game under manager Mike Scioscia, the Angels trailed 2-1 before using three hits, three walks

and a hit batter to take control against the free-falling Orioles.

Reds 12, Brewers 3

In Cincinnati, Reliever Michael Lorenzen hit the second grand slam by a Reds pitcher in a week, and Cincinnati snapped a seven game losing streak.

Lorenzen's pinch-hit grand slam off Jacob Barnes in the seventh inning completed an eight-run rally.

Braves 11, Cardinals 4

In St. Louis, Nick Markakis hit a grand slam, Max Fried took a shutout into the seventh inning and Atlanta beat St. Louis.

The Braves have won the first two games of the three-game set. The Cardinals have dropped three in a row.

Fried (1-2) stymied the Cardinals on 101 pitches before being pulled with two outs in the seventh. Recalled from Triple-A Gwinnett to start the game, he struck out 11, allowed four singles and walked three.

LONDON—Defending champion Roger Federer will begin his quest for a record-extending ninth Wimbledon title with a first-round clash against Serbian world number 57 Dusan Lajovic.

The 36-year-old Swiss, seeded one, appears to have been given a smoothish route to the latter rounds, though in-form third seed Marin Cilic, who he beat in last year's final, could be waiting in the semi-final this time.

Seven-times women's champion Serena Williams was handed a comfortable-looking first-round draw after being paired with 107th ranked Dutchwoman Arantxa Rus.

The 36-year-old American, who has played only a handful of matches this year after giving birth last September, is seeded 25th after being bumped up from her world ranking of 183.

It could soon get harder for Williams, though. Ukraine's Elina Svitolina, the fifth seed, lies in wait as a potential third-round opponent.

Defending women's champion Garbine Mu-

Federer to start against Lajovic

guruza of Spain will play Briton Naom Broady in the first round while Venus Williams, runner-up last year, takes on Swede Johanna Larsson.

Men's second seed Rafael Nadal, champion in 2008 and 2010, starts against Israel's Dudi Sela while three-time champion Novak Djokovic faces American Tennys Sandgren.

British favorite Andy Murray, still a doubt for the tournament as he makes a comeback from nearly a year out with a hip injury, is unseeded and was drawn to play Benoit Paire.

Twice champion Murray, whose last Grand Slam match win came against Paire in the fourth round of last year's Wimbledon, could face Canadian teenager Denis Shapovalov in round two and Argentine Juan Martin del Potro



n round three.

The biggest match of the men's first round will be sixth seed Grigor Dimitrov's tussle with three-times Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka, who is unseeded after an injury break.

Women's top seed Simona Halep will play Japan's Kurumi Nara in the first round.

The Romanian world number one, who claimed her first Grand Slam title at the French Open this month, could face a rematch with Britain's Johanna Konta in the fourth round, having lost an epic quarter-final last year.

Halep's potential quarter-final opponent is two-times champion Petra Kvitova, with third seed Muguruza seeded to play against her in the semis.

Women's second seed Caroline Wozniacki starts against American Varvara Lepchenko.

Federer and Nadal, who contested a memorable final 10 years ago and are again dominating men's tennis, can have few complaints about their draws.

Federer could face 94th-ranked Lukas Lacko or 285th-ranked Benjamin Bonzi in round two and his first seeded opponent would be 32nd seed Leonardo Mayer of Argentina in round three.

Nadal, who has been vulnerable on the Wimbledon lawns in recent years, will be a little more wary.

Surprise French Open semi-finalist Marco Cecchinato, seeded 29, or German serve-and-volleyer Mischa Zverev could await in the third round. Should he reach the quarter-final, Nadal could face Del Potro or even Murray.

Federer will open Centre Court action on Monday while Serena Williams also starts on Monday.

Murray will have a Tuesday start against Paire, giving him an extra day to assess his fitness.

George stays with Thunder on 4-year, \$137M deal



OKLAHOMA—Paul George has agreed to a four-year, \$137 million max contract to stay with the Oklahoma City Thunder, league sources said.

The deal includes a player option on the fourth year, the sources added.

Without taking any free-

agency meetings, George made the announcement that he is staying with the Thunder at a house party in Oklahoma City hosted by Russell Westbrook, sources at the party confirmed.

George took to Instagram late Saturday to post a photo of himself with Westbrook, along with the caption, “Unfinished business.”

LeBron speaks with Cavs as free agency opens

CLEVELAND (AP)—Before any decision, LeBron James had a discussion with the Cavaliers.

James was in contact with the team when NBA free agency opened on Sunday, a person familiar with the contact told The Associated Press. Shortly after the 12:01 EDT a.m. start, Cavs general manager Koby Altman spoke on the phone to both James and his agent Rich Paul, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the discussion.

James is an unrestricted free agent and the Cavs are hoping to re-sign the three-time champion, who is weighing whether to change teams for the third time in eight years. James, who was in Los Angeles, is also being pursued by the Lakers, who have enough salary-cap space to sign him and another star player.

While there was a feverish flurry of activity involving big-named players in the opening hour of what has been billed as the Summer of LeBron, James did not announce where he'll play next season and it's not known if other moves, such as Paul George staying in Oklahoma City and Chris Paul staying in Houston, have affected his thinking.

James' discussion with the Cavaliers was first reported by ESPN.

James isn't expected to drag his choice out over several days. He knows what he wants and he's very familiar with the Cavaliers after leading them to four straight NBA Finals since returning as a free agent in 2014 following four seasons in Miami. Because they own his “Bird rights” the Cavs can offer James more money than any other team—a five-year, \$207 million deal.

But the 33-year-old has interests beyond basketball and the massive Los Angeles market would give him a bigger stage and platform.

The Lakers have a young, talented but inexperienced

roster and they were hoping to land both James and possibly George. But the All-Star forward opted to stick with the Thunder and will sign a four-year deal when teams are permitted to finalize contracts on June 6.

George's choice could sway James to sign a short-term deal with Cleveland, but the Lakers are determined to get their hands on the four-time MVP.

The Cavs, on the other hand, have been mostly operating in the dark. While there had been dialogue between Paul and Altman since the season ended, James had not given the team any sense of his plans. That's made it tough for Cleveland to upgrade its roster, but the Cavs remain committed to bringing back James even for just one more year.

On Friday, James formally became a free agent when he informed the Cavs he would not exercise his \$35.6 million contract option for next season, making him an unrestricted free agent and the prize catch in the 2018 class.

Now that some of the early dust has settled, the battle for him appears to be down to two teams: Cleveland vs. Los Angeles.

DeAndre Jordan to Mavericks

DeAndre Jordan has committed to the Mavericks again, and the center offered an emoji to prove it three years after he backed out on a deal to join Dallas.

The Mavericks and Jordan agreed quickly after free agency opened Sunday on a one-year contract at roughly the \$24.1 million he was set to make with the Clippers next season, two people with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because contracts can't be signed until Friday. Jordan opted out of the final year of the deal he signed with Los Angeles when he jilted the Mavericks in 2015.



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George (13) shoots over New York Knicks guards Tim Hardaway Jr. (3) and Courtney Lee (5) during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017. Oklahoma City won, 105-84.

With many assuming that the Los Angeles Lakers were the unquestioned favorites for George, his decision to stay with the Thunder came as a bit of a shock. However, sources told ESPN's Ramona Shelburne that George informed the Thunder of his intentions well before Saturday's party so they could operate in free agency with confidence that he was staying.

George was traded to OKC almost exactly a year ago after informing the Indiana Pacers that he would not re-sign with them, instead preferring to join his hometown Lakers in free agency. The Thunder spent the year recruiting George to sign up long-term, beginning with fans welcoming him at the airport and a welcome party organized a day after.

“I haven't been in a position to be a free agent or know what that is like and then to have the chance to go where you want

to go. That's always been, I feel with players, they want that option,” George said at exit interviews after the season. “But then you go into an organization where they kind of check the boxes on all the things that you want out of an organization, and then immediately they become a candidate to where you want to play long-term.”

“So that was the case. That's been the case here,” he said. “They honestly check the boxes where I needed those boxes to be checked from what a player wants and needs out of a front office, out of a medical group, out of teammates, out of coaching staff. I mean, honestly, they can't say it anymore [than] that. They checked the boxes on what needs to be checked.”

The Thunder have been in communication with George since the end of the season and remained in contact with him throughout the past week.

The signs and momentum for George staying had been building throughout the season, hinging largely on his trust of Thunder general manager Sam Presti and his strong relationship with Westbrook. George talked often about “building” with the Thunder, referencing his enjoyment of playing with Westbrook.

“Russ is the reason why this decision is becoming even more easier to make, is the character Russ [has],” George told ESPN's Rachel Nichols in February. “A stand-up guy, and he has his teammate's back.”

After acquiring Carmelo Anthony in September, the Thunder appeared to have formed a superteam with the then-reigning MVP. However, the season didn't go as planned, with a bumpy start finally smoothed out by January before an injury to starting shooting guard Andre Roberson derailed it again. The

Thunder recovered to finish with 48 wins and the Western Conference's 4-seed, but they went out in six games to the Jazz in the first round. In George's final game, one in which Westbrook scored 46 points on 43 shots, he finished with just five points on 2-of-16 shooting.

George, a five-time All-Star, hit unrestricted free agency for the first time in his career after declining his player option last Thursday.

With George re-signed and Carmelo Anthony under contract for next season, the Thunder are headed for a monumental payroll and luxury-tax bill, something ownership is prepared to pay. The Thunder could take measures to reduce their financial stress by using the stretch provision to waive Anthony or negotiating a buyout or trade (Anthony has a no-trade clause, though). The Thunder also are interested in re-signing forward Jerami Grant.

Tiger frustrated again; Molinary takes lead at National



POTOMAC, Md (AP)—Somehow, despite 95-degree temperatures that left him sweating so profusely that caddie Joe LaCava had to retrieve three more dry towels from the courtesy car, Tiger Woods needed a bit of time to warm his game up.

Then he became lit.

Then somehow, he cooled off. More aptly, he flamed out at

TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm.

What has become his modus operandi this year, Woods was left shaking his head and pondering what could have been after a round of golf, his latest being the third round of the Quicken Loans National. It was another one of those rounds that began with so much promise but ended in disappointment.

The Tiger of old would have shot 64, perhaps a 63. This year's Tiger shot 68. And now, after once being two shots off the lead midway through Satur-

day, Woods will start Sunday's final round six shots back.

On the front 9, Tiger was a Bengal tiger, doing Tiger things again and electrifying huge galleries that roared in delight despite the scalding conditions. Ignited by a 13-footer for par on the third, Woods ripped off four consecutive birdies, from 7, 7, 12 and 8 feet, as he put on a clinic of power, precision and putting. It was the first time since 2015 that Woods made four consecutive birdies. He had his game on point and

some bounce in his step.

He finished at 7 under and trails Francesco Molinari and Abraham Ancer by six. Molinari shot his second consecutive 65 to move to 13 under while Ancer shot his career-low round, a 62, which tied the tournament course record. Woods could have threatened that record, too, if he had kept rolling.

“I messed up at 13, 14,” Woods said. “Two sloppy holes there back-to-back and it cost me a little bit of momentum coming in.”

Libut leads MTB Race finishers

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J.C. Libut prevailed in a down-to-the-wire finish against Joel Buco to emerge as the overall winner in the Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation MTB Race held yesterday in Marpi.

Libut completed the race that started and ended at the Last Command Post with bikers going through Banzai Trail, Cowtown, and the Landfill (four laps) in 1:01:40, just a second ahead of Buco. Charlie Sendin rounded out the Top 3

after making it to the finish line at the 1:01:50 mark.

Meanwhile, five other bikers topped their respective age groups: Angelo Cristobal, Ding Ramos, Norlo Jacosalem, Flore Derexes, and Kimiko McKagan.

Cristobal ruled the 40 and below category after submitting 1:13:57. He reached the finish line about three minutes faster than Ernie Henson, who clocked in at 1:16:12. Louie Oria was ranked third after posting 1:21:14.

In the 40 to 49 division, Ramos logged 1:05:01 to prevail against Rusty Valino and Hernan Cristobal, who registered 1:06:06 and 1:10:14, respectively. McKagan was the lone entry in the women's field and timed in at 1:18:56.

In the 50 to 54 age group, Jacosalem made it to the finish line more than a minute ahead of Noe Valdisimo with the former recording 1:03:24 against the latter's 1:05:01. Cesar Fortaleza was not far behind Valdisimo after posting 1:05:07.

In the over 55 division, Derexes timed in at 1:14:19 to beat Ponce Corotan, who submitted 1:16:00. Florence Antonio came in at third with his 1:16:47.

The Top 3 finishers in each division were awarded with medals and gift certificates.

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Overall winner J.C. Libut is flanked by runner-up Joel Buco, left, and third placer Charlie Sendin, during the awards ceremony for the Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation MTB Race held yesterday in Marpi.



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Koyama, 6-2, 6-3.

Yamazaki attempted for another upset against Lee, but the CNMI junior player was on a mission and ended the Japanese's giant killing. Lee came into Fiji to earn the championship she missed last year when she lost to Papua New Guinea's Violet Apisah, 0-6, 4-6.

Meanwhile, Lee also played in the doubles, but missed a return trip to the finals when

she and Di Tommaso fell to Yamazaki and Manami Ukita in the semifinals last Saturday. The No. 6 Japanese took only two sets to eliminate the No. 1 pair of Lee and Di Tommaso, 6-1, 6-3, however the former's victory went to naught, as Hong Kong's Wing Ka Lin and Jingyi Wang took the title after getting the win in the finals via walkover.

Before losing to Ukita and Yamazaki, Lee and Di Tommaso moved to the semis following their triumphs over Japan's

Kanami Hayashige and Ayaka Koga, 6-4, 6-3, and Ivy Mclean of New Zealand and Helena Spiridis of Australia, 6-4, 6-1.

In other results, the boys singles championship also went to a No. 1 seed player in India's Mann Shah, who defeated No. 11 Ayato Arakaki, 6-4, 6-0.

In the doubles, Shah teamed up with compatriot Aaryan Zaveri to slip past Japan's Roya Ishi and Kamil Kozlowski of Australia, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (3), 10-6.

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Dream Park in Korea, the CNMI Major All-Stars bowed to China, 0-3, last Saturday. At the same venue for the intermediate division, the CNMI (represented by Tinian players) was crushed by host Korea, 0-16.

In other results in Korea, Hong Kong topped the Philippines, 10-1; the host downed Guam, 7-1; and Chinese-Taipei shut down New Zealand,

10-0, in the Little League division. In the intermediate, China won over India, 15-3; the Philippines beat Pakistan, 15-0; and Hong Kong outclassed Indonesia, 16-6.

Back at Clark Freeport Zone, the CNMI lost to Guam yesterday, 3-10. The CNMI Senior All-Star Team will play Indonesia today and hopes to make it to the win column. Indonesia also dropped its opener against New Zealand last Saturday, 2-13.

In other results in the Senior

League, the Philippines dominated Hong Kong, 12-2, and Guam routed India, 23-0, last Saturday.

In yesterday's matches, Hong Kong bounced back with a 30-0 thrashing of India, while New Zealand got its second win after blanking the Philippines, 7-0.

The top finisher in the Senior League after the elimination will get an outright semis ticket, while the six remaining teams will fight for the three other Final Four slots.

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World Cup title remained an unreachable star. On Saturday, they were both outshined by a pair of Paris Saint-Germain teammates, France's Kylian Mbappe and Uruguay's Edinson Cavani. Younger legs have more speed and endurance. Most importantly, Cavani and Mbappe had more support and less pressure.

Messi hasn't won a senior title with his nation, losing finals at the 2014 World Cup, and the 2007, '15 and '16 Copa Americas, the last when Messi failed on his penalty kick during a shootout. He faced massive criticism at home and retired from the national team only to be lured back for this World Cup cycle.

Ronaldo lost a World Cup semifinal in 2006 but never got past the second round again. He did help Portugal to its first European Championship in 2016.

If Argentina and Portugal won Saturday, the rivals would have matched up for a spot in the semifinals. Instead, they'll race to the airport. Argentina lost to France 4-3 in Kazan and Portugal fell to Uruguay 2-1 at Sochi.

Brazil's Pele and Argentina's Diego Maradona became national treasures at home, celebrated for World Cup titles and global superstars. Fans who never saw them play for their clubs know of Pele and Maradona's accomplishments every four years at the global tournament.

Messi and Ronaldo will be remembered for great club suc-

cess, but not country triumph.

Barcelona signed the 13-year-old Messi to a contract scrawled on a napkin in 2000. He was 17 when he made his competitive first-team debut. Titles accumulated at an unprecedented rate: four in the Champions League, nine in La Liga and six in the Copa del Rey. Adulation at Camp Nou turned into worship; media called him "La Pugla (The Flea)" for his small frame and unparalleled acceleration, and Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger equated Messi's moves with a video-game creation, proclaiming he was "like a PlayStation."

He scored at a rate once unfathomable: 383 goals in 418 league matches, 100 in 125 Champions League games and 552 in 637 first-team appearances overall. He was a lifer for one of the most popular clubs in the world, a brand of his own, earning love in Spain but detachment from his countrymen in South America. Too often, his World Cup failures were compared to Maradona's successes.

Ronaldo, too, debuted at 17, for Sporting Lisbon. His crossover dribble was already famous when Alex Ferguson snatched him for Manchester United ahead of the 2003-04 season and gave him the No. 7 of just-departed David Beckham. After six seasons that included three Premier League titles, one Champions League and one FA Cup, he moved to Real Madrid and scored 450 goals in 438 matches, winning four Champions League titles, and the league and cup twice

each. He's set a Champions League record with 120 goals, leaving Messi a distant second.

They were soccer's yin and yang, Messi understated and distant, Ronaldo flamboyant with a model girlfriend and attention-grabbing hairdos. They are global spokesmen, Ronaldo for Nike, Toyota and many more; Messi for the likes of Adidas and Pepsi.

Ronaldo grew a goatee for this World Cup. He said it was because of a bet with Portugal teammate Ricardo Quaresma, but it coincided with the release of a commercial of Messi with a real goat—as in "Greatest of All Time."

They have entertained, becoming household names in continents far afield, royalty of the internet age when satellites beamed their twice-a-week matches to homes, bars and laptops in ways Pele, Maradona and predecessors couldn't envisage.

But now their time at the top has come to an end. Mbappe, just 19, and others in the next generation are ready for leading roles. It is too soon to proclaim which will emerge to become the best. As dusk descended late on a midsummer Russian night, dawn was just ahead.

Mbappe stars for France

What Messi has never done, 19-year-old Mbappe did twice.

The quick-footed French teenager scored two goals in a five-minute span of the second half to help his team rally for a victory over Argentina. Saturday's victory gave France a spot

in the World Cup quarterfinals.

Messi, who turned 31 during his fourth and possibly final World Cup, set up a pair of goals but again failed to score in a knockout match at the biggest event in soccer.

Mbappe got his two in his first attempt.

"Of course, as I've already and always said, in the World Cup you have all the top level players so it is an opportunity to show what you can do and what your abilities are," said Mbappe, who now has three goals in Russia. "There is no better place than a World Cup."

Mbappe was a constant threat to Argentina's creaking defense with his speed and skill and was at the heart of France's often-breathtaking display, particularly in the middle of the second half.

He became the second teenager to score multiple goals in a knockout match at the World Cup. Pele was the other, doing it twice at 17 at the 1958 tournament in Sweden.

"It is flattering to be the second one after Pele but let's put things in context. Pele is another category," Mbappe said. "But it's good to be among the players to score in knockout matches."

With the score 2-2, Mbappe got his first goal with a cool finish from a tight angle in the 64th minute, his low shot going under Argentina goalkeeper Franco Armani. Four minutes later, he slotted past Armani again after he was put through on goal by a deft pass from Oliver Giroud.

Mbappe also helped France to its first goal. Following a

sustained period of early pressure, he won a penalty after a 40-meter burst of speed that ended with him being brought down by Marcos Rojo. Antoine Griezmann then scored from the spot in the 13th minute, sending Armani the wrong way.

"Our team is much younger, but we are there. We answered the call," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "It was not easy because we were leading and then there was an equalizer. Then they led 2-1, but we kept fighting. There is an excellent mentality in this group and we did everything to go further. We couldn't miss it and we did win it."

Mbappe was born a few months after France won the 1998 World Cup at home, its only title at the tournament. Deschamps was the captain of that team and Zinedine Zidane scored two goals in the final.

"People remember more the World Cup victory than the year I was born," Mbappe said. "It is normal (because) it was the time we were World Cup winners, so that is obviously what they remember."

France will next face Uruguay in the quarterfinals on Friday in Nizhny Novgorod.

Cavani shines for Uruguay

Cavani upstaged Ronaldo, first with his head and then with his right foot, and sent Uruguay to the World Cup quarterfinals.

Cavani scored twice and Ronaldo none Saturday to give Uruguay a victory over Portugal.

On the same day Lionel

Messi was sent home in Argentina's loss, the other "GOAT" at this tournament was also eliminated. It was two weeks ago that Ronaldo scored a hat trick in the same stadium against Spain, stroking his chin after the first goal to imply he was the "greatest of all time."

There was no goal from Ronaldo this time. Everywhere he went, the Portugal great was hounded by two or three Uruguayan defenders.

"We had our chances, but this is football," Ronaldo said. "We have to keep our heads high. We gave our best. The team played well. As the team captain I am proud of this group. Everyone worked hard to make sure things went well."

It was Cavani who instead took the spotlight. He combined with Luis Suarez to compete a series of precision passes to give Uruguay the early advantage with a header in the seventh minute. And after Portugal equalized on Pepe's header in the 55th minute, it was Cavani again finishing a perfect Uruguay counter in the 62nd with a shot from just inside the penalty area that caught Portugal goalkeeper Rui Patricio slightly out of position and curled inside the far post.

"The truth is, it was really exciting," Cavani said. "There aren't words to describe this."

Cavani now has three goals at the World Cup, but limped off in the 70th minute with an apparent injury and had to be replaced. He was helped to the sideline with his arm around Ronaldo's back.

CNMI Girls U16 vs Tuloy Foundation

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The CNMI Girls U16 National Team's Emalyn Aniana kicks the ball during their training game against Tuloy Foundation, Inc. in the Philippines last month.



The CNMI's Paulynn Joyce, center, faces two defenders.



The CNMI's Katrina Costales, center, battles a Tuloy Foundation, Inc. player for possession.



A CNMI player, left, tries to keep up on defense against a Tuloy Foundation, Inc. player.



The CNMI's Sharmaine Francisco, right, prepares for a kick.



A CNMI player, right, checks on her teammates before kicking the ball.



Assistant coach Angie Ito talks to CNMI players during a break in their game.



A CNMI player is surrounded by Tuloy Foundation, Inc. defenders.

Sale pitches 7 stellar innings, Red Sox rout Yanks

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George stays with Thunder on 4-year, \$137M deal

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CNMI Junior All-Stars rout China



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A CNMI Senior League All-Star Team pitcher throws to home during their game against Guam yesterday in the 2018 Asia Pacific Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament at the Global Villages, Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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The CNMI Junior All-Star Team recovered quickly from their opening game loss in the 2018 Asia Pacific Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament after clobbering China, 11-1, yesterday at the Global Villages, Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

The Greg Camacho-managed Junior All-Stars played in the first match in the tournament last Saturday and lost to the Philippines in a low-scoring game, 2-5. The Commonwealth bets then returned to the field for the second tiff in the division yesterday and regrouped to whip China.

The CNMI Junior All-Stars will take a breather today—a much needed one as they have

to prepare for tomorrow's game against tournament favorite Chinese-Taipei. The

Taiwanese came from a 22-0 rout of Hong Kong in the opening day and followed it up with a 10-0 triumph over the Philippines yesterday.

After meeting Chinese-Taipei, the CNMI will be paired against Hong Kong for its last game in the elimination round. Camacho's wards must win at least one of their two remaining games to make it to the playoff round where only the Top 4 teams will advance.

Meanwhile, the CNMI dropped its opening game in the Senior League yesterday, while the islands' Little League and intermediate squads suffered the same fate.

Over at the Hwaseong

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Carol rules Fiji tourney



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FIJI TENNIS PHOTO

Singles champion Carol Lee, left, and runner-up Ikumi Yamazaki pose with their special trophies during the awards ceremony for the South Pacific Open Junior Championships 2018 in Fiji yesterday.

The CNMI's Carol Lee had a triumphant return to Fiji after taking the singles crown in the South Pacific Open Junior Championships 2018 yesterday.

The No. 1 seed lived up to expectations after dominating No. 11 and Japan's Ikumi Yamazaki in the finals, 6-2, 6-1, at the Regional Tennis Centre Nadovu Park in Lautoka.

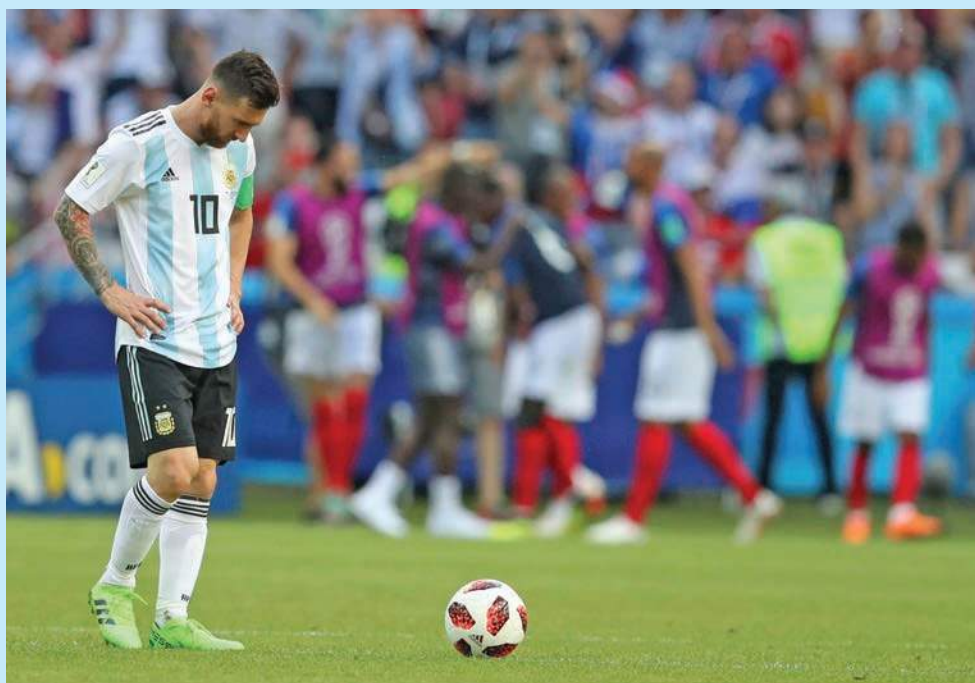
The title victory over the Japanese was Lee's fifth via sweep, as the Commonwealth eliminated her four other opponents after only two sets. In the semifinals, Lee defeated

No. 10 Elys Saguil-Ventura of New Zealand, 6-3, 6-2, while earlier in the quarterfinals, the former topped No. 9 Mio Kozaki of Japan, 6-2, 6-2. The 16-year-old's two other wins in the early games in the upper half of the draw were against Ayaka Koga of Japan, 6-0, 6-2, and versus No. 16 Komaki Ido of Australia, 6-2, 6-0.

At the lower half of the draw, Yamazaki stunned three

higher-seeded opponents to set up a finals duel against Lee. The Japanese first ousted No. 5 Jennifer Ikida of the U.S. in the third round, 7-5, 6-1, and then booted out No. 2 Chiara Di Tommaso of Australia in the quarterfinals, 7-5, 6-0. For her last win in the tournament, Yamazaki recorded it against compatriot and No. 7 Kokomi

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Messi, Ronaldo exit World Cup without titles

MOSCOW (AP)—Lionel Messi stared, hands on hips, pain etched across a face once boyish and filled with limitless joy, now obscured by a brown beard and hardened by expectations for his nation unmet.

Four hours later and 950

AP
Argentina's Lionel Messi reacts as France players celebrate taking the lead with their side's third goal by Kylian Mbappe during the round of 16 match at the 2018 soccer World Cup at the Kazan Arena in Kazan, Russia, Saturday, June 30, 2018.

miles (1,530 kilometers) away, Cristiano Ronaldo's eyes were wide in anger as he shouted in protest just ahead of the final whistle, once again arguing with a referee. The tirade got Ronaldo a second yellow card that would have suspended him for the next match. No worries, Portugal's World Cup ended with a loss.

Saturday will likely mark the end of an era for the World Cup, a decade in which much of the hype and pre-tournament talk has been about the



best players in the world, the Spanish league rivals who have evenly split the last 10 FIFA Player of the Year Awards.

Once again, both men have failed to replicate their club success for their countries.

Messi is a week past his 31st birthday and Ronaldo 33, former phenoms unlikely to reach Qatar 2022 or retain their exceptional skill if they manage to hang on.

For both superstars, a

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